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TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE

FROM MEMPHIS 164-76 3P

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., [REDACTED] MRS. SUSAN GIFFE -  
VICTIM, BRENT DOWNS - VICTIM, [REDACTED] - VICTIM. CRIME ABOARD  
AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE, BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT, INC., HOME  
RESIDENCE [REDACTED] ADVISED

SA [REDACTED] THIS DATE THAT AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE PM OCT.

THREE, LAST, WHITE MALE, IDENTIFYING SELF AS GEORGE GIFFE, CAME TO  
BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT (BBA), NASHVILLE METRO AIRPORT, NASHVILLE,  
TENN., REQUESTING TO CHARTER FLIGHT TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, OCT. FOUR,  
INSTANT. GIFFE APPEARED SEVERAL TIMES LATER AT BBA MAKING TWO CASH  
PAYMENTS TOTALING FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS FOR CHARTER. [REDACTED]  
DESCRIBED GIFFE AS WHITE MALE, AGE MID TWENTIES, TWO ONE FIVE TO  
TWO TWO ZERO LBS., FIVE FEET, TEN INCHES, CURLY BLACK HAIR, DARK  
COMPLEXION, WEARING KNIT PULL-OVER SPORT SHIRT, BELL BOTTOM TROUSERS.

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MR. ROSEN FOR DIRECTOR

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AT APPROXIMATELY ONE ZERO FOUR AM OCT. FOUR INSTANT, MALE IDENTIFYING SELF AS GIFFE TELEPHONED BBA ADVISING HE WOULD BE TEN MINUTES LATE. GIFFE AGAIN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BBA ONE TWENTY AM OCT. FOUR, INSTANT STATING HE WOULD BE TEN MINUTES LATE.

GIFFE ARRIVED AT BBA AT APPROXIMATELY ONE FORTYFIVE AM OCT. FOUR, INSTANT DRIVING LATE MODEL CADILLAC, COLOR GOLD WITH BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING SEVENTYONE TENNESEE LICENSE TWO N NINE THREE SIX ZERO. GIFFE GOT OUT OF CAR AND APPROACHED PILOT BRENT DOWNS, CO-PILOT [ ] AND [ ] FLASHING SOME TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION. GIFFE SAID HE WAS A DOCTOR AND A FRIEND OF HIS, A GIRL, WAS ON DRUGS AND HAD TO GET HER TO ATLANTA. [ ] SAID HE HEARD WOMAN SCREAMING IN CADILLAC VEHICLE AND GIFFE SAID DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HER.

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GIFFE PROCEEDED BACK TO CAR AND BEFORE REACHING CAR AGAIN APPROACHED DOWNS, [ ] AND [ ] FLASHING IDENTIFICATION.

GIFFE WENT BACK TO CADILLAC AND PHYSICALLY <sup>DRAGGED</sup> DRUG WHITE FEMALE OUT OF CAR, AN UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE STAYING WITH GIRL GOT OUT OF VEHICLE. [ ] DESCRIBED WHITE MALE ASSOCIATE LATE TWENTIES OR ~~EARLY~~

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EARLY THIRTIES, ONE FIVE ZERO TO TWO HUNDRED LBS., MADE NO STATEMENTS TO ANYONE.

GIFFE AND WHITE MALE EACH DREW SOME TYPE OF REVOLVER OR AUTOMATIC HAND WEAPON OUT OF CLOTHING AND GIFFE, WHILE DRAGGIN<sup>E</sup>/FEMALE, POINTED GUN AT DOWNS AND [ ] INSTRUCTING THEM TO GET INTO AIRPLANE OWNED BY BBA, A TWIN ENGINE HAWK, BEARING NUMBER NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT - N.

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[ ] ADVISED WOMAN SCREAMING THAT SHE WAS BEING KIDNAPPED SEVERAL TIMES AND GIFFE, UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE, WHITE FEMALE, PILOT AND CO-PILOT ENTERED PLANE, AND MOMENTS LATER DEPARTED AIRPORT.

P. END.

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CC: MR. BATES

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The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED)

SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED) - VICTIM

BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED) - VICTIM

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

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1 - Mr. Gallagher  
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1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Casper  
1 - Mr. Felt

During the early morning hours today a small twin-engine aircraft, operated by Big Brother Aircraft, Inc., of Nashville, Tennessee, was hijacked en route to Atlanta, Georgia, and ordered to divert its flight to Freeport, Grand Bahama Islands. The plane made a fueling stop in Jacksonville, Florida, where one of the subjects, George M. Giffe, Jr., shot and killed the pilot, his wife, and then committed suicide. The remaining subject,   
has been charged with violation of the Federal kidnapping Statute in a complaint authorized by an Assistant U. S. Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida. He is currently being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

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Investigation has determined that subject Giffe chartered a flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia, for 1:15 a.m. October 4, 1971, and arrived at the airport at 1:45 a.m. with his wife and a friend, subject   
A struggle occurred at the Nashville Airport that ended with Giffe and   
subduing Mrs. Giffe and Giffe commandeering the aircraft at gunpoint, forcing all to board the plane.   
was also armed during the flight and relayed Giffe's instructions to the pilot. Giffe informed the pilot that he also had explosives aboard in his luggage which would be detonated if his orders were not followed.

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When informed a fuel stop was necessary, Giffe ordered the plane to land at Jacksonville, Florida. Giffe was next informed no fuel was available and he sent the copilot,   
to discuss obtaining fuel.   
advised Bureau Agents of the circumstances of the flight and stated he did not intend to return to the plane. Giffe then sent   
to discuss fueling and he was arrested by Agents without resistance even though he was still armed. Agents demanded that all remaining on the plane come out and when this failed shots were fired into the tires and an engine to prevent the plane's departure.

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NOTE: See memos (2) 10/4/71 Gallagher to Bates. Facts as set out above have been telephonically read to Jacksonville Office.

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Agents then boarded the plane where they found that Giffe had shot the pilot in the back, shot his wife twice, and committed suicide. A search determined no explosives were on board.

Giffe was a white male born July 11, 1936, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, who had a Bachelor of Science and a Master's Degree in Biology from George Peabody College where he taught for about six years. For the last three years he sold real estate and was the son of a retired U. S. Colonel who is a former Veterans Administration attorney.

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Subject [ ] is a white male born [ ] at [ ] and is the operator of Labri Lounge, Nashville, Tennessee. He had been friendly with Giffe for several weeks and Giffe had promised to assist him in obtaining financing for his nightclub.

You will be advised of any additional pertinent developments.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

Mr. Bates

October 4, 1971

R. J. Gallagher

1 - Mr. Rosen  
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GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED)

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CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

Additional facts concerning the hijacking of the private charter flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, this morning when three persons were killed have been learned by the Jacksonville Office from interviews.

Subject [REDACTED] states he operates the Labri Lounge Nightclub in Nashville and has known subject Giffe from five to eight weeks. Giffe promised to obtain financing for [REDACTED] club and on 10/3/71 Giffe contacted [REDACTED] to drive Giffe and his wife, Susan, to the airport at about midnight. He states he drove Giffe's Cadillac to the airport where Giffe and his wife began an argument and Giffe pulled one of two guns in his possession. He gave the second gun to [REDACTED] and told him to keep it with him. Giffe, his wife, [REDACTED] the pilot and copilot took off for Atlanta and Giffe then instructed the pilot to fly to Freeport, Bahama Islands, and when told they did not have sufficient fuel, he instructed they fly to Jacksonville to refuel.

After the plane landed at Jacksonville, the tower advised there was no fuel available. Giffe instructed the copilot to get off the plane and attempt to obtain fuel. When he did not return Giffe instructed [REDACTED] to go and see if he could obtain fuel for the flight. [REDACTED] was arrested by Bureau Agents after he left the plane.

[REDACTED] copilot, advised he was contacted on 10/3/71 to go with a charter flight from Nashville to Atlanta, departing at 1:15 a.m. 10/4/71. He arrived at the airport shortly after midnight and prepared for the flight. At about 1:45 a.m. Giffe, his wife, and [REDACTED] arrived and Mrs. Giffe was fighting and screaming and Giffe and [REDACTED] threw her to the runway to subdue her. Giffe produced a badge and credentials

Memo to Mr. Bates from Gallagher  
Re: GEORGE H. GIFFE, JR. etc.

saying he was with CIA and that his wife was a mental patient they were taking to Atlanta for treatment. Once on board Giffe pulled a gun and forced the pilot to fly to Jacksonville en route to Freeport, Grand Bahama Islands. Giffe also made the statement that he had explosives aboard in his luggage that he would detonate unless his instructions were followed.

En route to Jacksonville they radioed for extra fuel and supplies for overseas flight. Once they landed in Jacksonville the tower advised there was no fuel available and Giffe commanded they take off immediately. The pilot said there was insufficient fuel and requested permission to leave the plane to obtain more fuel. Copilot [ ] departed the plane and informed Bureau Agents as to what had transpired and stated he had no intention of returning to the plane in view of circumstances.

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Jacksonville is filing Crime Aboard Aircraft - Hijacking charges against [ ] and Copilot [ ] is remaining at Jacksonville to give testimony.

CIA headquarters has advised that the subject is in no way affiliated with that Agency.

ACTION:

The matter is being closely followed and a letter to the Attorney General is being prepared.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

FROM : R. J. Gallagher

SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.,  
(DECEASED);

[REDACTED]  
SUSAN GIFFE  
(DECEASED); - VICTIM  
BRENT DOWNS  
(DECEASED); - VICTIM  
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CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

DATE: October 4, 1971

1 - Mr. Felt  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Bates  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Casper  
1 - Mr. Mohr

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Immediately upon landing at Jacksonville, the co-pilot jumped from the plane and ran. He was immediately detained by Bureau Agents who were deployed a distance from the aircraft. As the Agents attempted to determine the details of the hijacking, a second individual subsequently identified as subject [REDACTED] ran from the plane. He likewise was detained by the Agents. FBI Agents at this time shot out the tires and one engine in order to immobilize the aircraft. Several shots were fired apparently by subject George Giffe, 2 of which exited the windshield narrowly missing Assistant Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED]. Agents rushed the plane and found the pilot, Giffe's wife, and Giffe all apparently dead from shots fired by Giffe.

Preliminary investigation has identified Giffe as a white male born 1937, a former college professor at George Peabody, in Nashville, Tennessee, who has been reportedly unemployed for past three years and has had several separations from his wife Susan during this period.

An autopsy is being conducted at the Jacksonville hospital and preliminary examination indicated no wounds inflicted by Agents gunfire. No Bureau personnel injured.

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Gallagher to Bates Memo  
RE: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.,

ACTION:

Intensive investigation is continuing in order to determine complete details. As soon as full details are available, letter will be forwarded to the Attorney General.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Felt ✓

DATE: 10/5/71

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT:

AVIATION JOURNALIST.  
AIRCRAFT PILOTS AND OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The above-captioned individual appeared unannounced in Bishop's Office on the afternoon of 10/5/71. He stated that he wished to talk to Bishop concerning the Bureau's policies with regard to handling hijackings. When asked what he meant, he stated that he was motivated to come in because of the attempted hijacking which was thwarted by Bureau Agents at Jacksonville, Florida, on 10/4/71, during which the hijacker killed his wife, the pilot of the plane and then committed suicide.  advised that he has already talked to representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration and has determined from them that when the pilot of a commercial plane being hijacked asks that he not be interfered with, his wishes are obeyed.

stated that he wanted to find out if a similar policy applied in the case of privately owned airplanes, as was apparently the situation in the Jacksonville case. Bishop advised that the FBI does not set policy in hijacking matters and suggested that he take his inquiry to the Department of Justice.

From remarks made by  it was obvious that he is exercising "20/20 hindsight" and is attempting to find some reason to blame the FBI for the deaths which occurred at Jacksonville.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. M.A. Jones

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# **'BRILLIANT' PARANOID Mad hijacker killed wife he 'loved so much'**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — George Mallory Gilfe Jr. was described as a brilliant paranoid who practiced witchcraft, compared himself to Caesar and thought he was smarter than any one else.

Mr. Gilfe, 35, according to the FBI, kidnaped his estranged wife and hijacked a twin-engine plane yesterday. While on a refueling stop at Jacksonville, Fla., the agents said, he shot his wife, Susan, 29, the pilot, Brent Downs, 29, and then himself.

## **'HE WAS BRILLIANT'**

"I never believed he would kill her," Mrs. Joseph Lakich, Mrs. Gilfe's mother said. "He was brilliant," she added.

"He was sort of a chameleon. He lived in a fantasy. He believed in witchcraft and practiced witchcraft. He compared himself to Caesar and thought he could outsmart everybody."

"He carried a weapon all the time. He said he felt he had been reincarnated and had over-spent his time here."

Mr. Gilfe left suicide notes to his wife, his father and someone named "Carole."

To his wife he said: "I love you so much that you could stick a blade thru my heart and all I would ever do would be to look in your eyes and kiss you."

He told his father: "I love you more than words can say. You were a brave soldier. But my wife knows too much about me. I have been ordered to kill."

Mr. Gilfe, a 256-pound real estate agent with a Master's degree and his striking wife had marital problems for some time, Mrs. Lakich said.

She said that one time Mr. Gilfe had made his wife strip naked and he beat her.

Mrs. Gilfe came to stay with her parents numerous times during the couple's troubled marriage. Mrs. Lakich said her son-in-law always would promise to act better, but the good behavior would last only a short time.

Mrs. Lakich said her daughter had "a kind, beautiful" what got her killed.

"He was sort of paranoid," she said. "Susan loved him and wanted to get along. He tried to make fantastic deals and everything always fell thru with him."

Mrs. Lakich said Mr. Gilfe's father is dying of cancer and his mother is sick in a hospital.

He taught for six years at Peabody college here where he met Susan, she said.

Today, the FBI was being criticized by the owner of the hijacked plane because they refused pleas from Mr. Gilfe and copilot Randall Crump, 32, to allow them to refuel and fly on to the Bahamas.

"They tried to bluff them and the bluff failed," said Mack Brothers Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., owner of Big Brothers charter service.

Special agent W. H. Alexander, in charge of the Jacksonville FBI office, refused comment on why the decision was made to disable the plane. The FBI said a statement would be made today regarding the hijacking.

Agents shot the tires and right engine of the Hawk Commander after the copilot, Crump, and an alleged accomplice of the hijacker, Bobby Wayne Wallace, 42, left the craft to plead with the FBI for fuel.

## **BULLETS MISSED AGENT**

FBI agent Jim O'Connor said several shots from the plane narrowly missed him. Moments later, more shots were heard aboard the plane. Agents rushed into the craft and found all three occupants dead of gunshot wounds.

Mr. Gilfe, shot once in the head, was sprawled in the rear of the plane. His pretty

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UPI Photo  
George Gilfe, left, Sue Gilfe, center,  
and Bobby Wayne Wallace, right, leav-  
ing courthouse.





The Attorney General

Director, FBI

*George Giffe*  
**GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);**

**SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED) - VICTIM**

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**CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING**

1 - Mr. Rosen

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Reference is made to my letter dated October 4, 1971, concerning the hijacking on that date of a chartered aircraft owned by Big Brother Aircraft, Incorporated, from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida. George M. Giffe, Jr., the hijacker, shot and killed his wife, the pilot, and himself.

On October 5, 1971, United States Attorney Charles H. Anderson, Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, advised he was contacted by  a Nashville attorney and former United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee.  advised he is representing Big Brother Aircraft, Incorporated, and the relatives of Mrs. George M. Giffe, Jr., and Brent Downs.  stated he intends to file a suit under the Federal Tort Claims Act for \$100,000 against the FBI.  advised he was filing an injunction before United States District Court Judge Frank Gray, Jr., Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, on October 5, 1971, requiring the Federal Aviation Administration to produce all pertinent tape recordings relating to the flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida.

On October 6, 1971, United States Attorney Charles H. Anderson advised United States District Judge Frank Gray, Jr., issued an order impounding tape recordings of the radio conversations between the pilot of the hijacked aircraft and the authorities at Jacksonville Airport on October 4, 1971. The court ordered a hearing concerning the injunction be set for October 8, 1971.

**NOTE:** See Gallagher to Bates Memorandum dated 10/4/71, attached.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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FROM : R. J. Gallagher

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Gallagher to Bates Memo  
RE: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.,

ACTION:

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send commendations.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Felt

DATE: 10/5/71

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED);

SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED), BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED),

- VICTIMS

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[redacted] Channel 4, WJXT, Jacksonville, Florida, (owned by the "Washington Post" newspaper) called my office the morning of October 5, 1971, and spoke to Bland. [redacted] stated that he had just spoken to SAC William Alexander in the Jacksonville Office inquiring concerning the Bureau's policy in hijacking matters, particularly as it related to the hijacking and events occurring in the captioned case on October 4, 1971. He said that in addition he had asked Alexander as to whether there were written instructions in regard to handling various hijacking situations, whether there was a written instruction to cover the situation in the captioned hijacking, and whether his (Jacksonville's) office was looking into the full facts in the matter.

[redacted] in a very arrogant manner demanded that he be advised as to the exact policy in the handling of hijack situations and as to whether there were written instructions. [redacted] was advised that the Bureau would have no comment concerning his request for a discussion concerning investigative policy as he had been advised by SAC Alexander, and that his demanding attitude was not appreciated.

SAC Alexander, Jacksonville, advised this morning that [redacted] intended to go over his head to Washington in this matter.

ACTION

ENCLOSURE

None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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SPECIAL AGENT W. H. ALEXANDER, IN CHARGE OF THE JACKSONVILLE FBI OFFICE, SAID HE WOULD HAVE "NO FURTHER COMMENT" ON THE HIJACKING.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SMALL CHARTER AIRLINE THAT OWNED THE PLANE SAID THE FBI MADE "A CARDINAL MISTAKE" MONDAY IN REFUSING TO ALLOW THE PLANE TO BE REFUELED FOR THE HIJACKER'S INTENDED FLIGHT TO THE BAHAMAS.

"THEY TRIED TO BLUFF THEM AND THE BLUFF FAILED," SAID MACK BROTHERS  
JR., OF NASHVILLE, TENN.

A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SOURCE TOLD UPI, HOWEVER, THAT A "COMPLETE SCRUTINY OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AND WHAT WENT WRONG" WOULD BE MADE.

"IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE FACT THAT THE FBI TOOK MATTERS IN THEIR OWN HANDS, THE PILOT WOULD PROBABLY BE ALIVE," CHARGED BROTHERS.

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TELETYPE

5:13 PM NITEL 10-6-71 PXS 2P

TO DIRECTOR

ATLANTA

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

MEMPHIS

FROM KNOXVILLE (164-NEW)

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

MRS. GEIRGE M. GIFFE, JR. -VICTIM( DECEASED); CAA-

HIJACKING KIDNAPING.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU OCT. SIX NINETEEN  
SEVENTYONE.

[REDACTED] SUPERVISOR, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, FAA,  
MC GHEE-TYSON AIRPORT, KNOXVILLE, ADVISED SA [REDACTED]

OCT. SIX INSTANT, THAT HIS OFFICE DID NOT "WORK" AIRCRAFT  
IN THIS CASE, THEREFORE HAD NO TAPES IN HIS OFFICE.

ON OCT. SIX INSTANT, [REDACTED] SUPERVISOR,  
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, LOVELL FIELD, CHATTANOOGA, ADVISED  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Miller, ES	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Cleveland	_____
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SA [REDACTED] THAT HIS OFFICE HAD NO CONVERSATION WITH  
AIRCRAFT IN THIS CASE AND HE HAD NO TAPES IN HIS OFFICE  
REGARDING INSTANT MATTER.

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1055 PM NITEL 10-7-71 WMF

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

MEMPHIS (164-76)

FROM ST. LOUIS (164-NPRC-M)

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]; MRS. GEORGE  
M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED). CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPPING

RE MEMPHIS NITEL OCTOBER FIVE LAST.

FILES NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER (MILITARY BRANCH)  
(NPRC-M), ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, REVEAL AIR FORCE RESERVE AND AIR  
NATIONAL GUARD RECORD FOR GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AF TWO FIVE  
THREE FIVE FIVE THREE NINE ONE, WHO ENLISTED IN TENNESSEE NATIONAL  
GUARD AND AIR FORCE RESERVE DECEMBER THREE, FIFTYFOUR, FOR THREE  
YEARS AND HONORABLY DISCHARGED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER TEN, FIFTYSIX  
"DUE TO REJECTION FOR ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE (MEDICAL REASONS)".

RECORD DOES NOT DISCLOSE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING MEDICAL  
REASON FOR DISCHARGE, NOR DOES RECORD CONTAIN A SEPARATION PHYSICAL

EXAM FORM. RECORD DESCRIBES DISCHARGE AS BEING BASED ON PARAGRAPH  
FIFTEEN, SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER TWO THREE SEVEN, AEGYPTIAN GENERAL'S

OFFICE, ANG, TENNESSEE, WHICH ORDER STATES "P.A.C. PAR SEVEN B

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GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. AF TWO FIVE THREE FIVE FIVE THREE NINE ONE,  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH TAC HOSPITAL TENNESSEE ANG IS HONORABLY  
DISCHARGED FROM THE TENNESSEE ANG AND FROM THE RESERVE OF THE AIR  
FORCE EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER TEN FIFTYSIX". RECORD REVEALS  
NO ACTIVE DUTY AND NO NERVOUS OR MENTAL DISORDERS. RECORD OF EMERGENCY  
DATA REVEALS WIFE [REDACTED] AND PARENTS GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE,  
SR. AND HELEN LOUISE GIFFE, ALL [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DESCRIPTION AT DISCHARGE: CAUCASIAN MALE,  
FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND EYES.  
NO USAFR OR ANG LIAISON EXISTS NPRC-M TO ASCERTAIN FURTHER REASON  
FOR REJECTION FOR ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

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8:48PM NITEL 10-8-71 DBC

TO: DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM: MEMPHIS (164-76) (2P)

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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Woods	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED). CAA - [REDACTED]  
HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU OCTOBER SIX

LAST.

USA CHARLES H. ANDERSON, MDT, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,  
HAS ASSURED FBI AT NASHVILLE CRIMINAL MATTERS PENDING IN  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY  
SUBSEQUENT CIVIL ACTION THAT MAY BE FILED AND WILL INSURE  
GOVERNMENT INTERESTS.

THIS AM COPIES OF ALL TAPES RE HIJACKING OBTAINED  
FROM FAA AT AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER AT NASHVILLE  
METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AND AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER,  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

[REDACTED] WIFE OF DECEASED PILOT, HAS BEEN  
UNAVAILABLE AND EXPECTED TO RETURN TO NASHVILLE OCTOBER NINE  
NEXT AND WILL BE CONTACTED IN ATTEMPT TO SECURE CLOTHING:  
WORN BY DECEASED PILOT DOWNS. REPORT IN THIS MATTER TO  
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FOLLOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND PREFERRED ATTENTION. P.

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TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA-VICTIM (DECEASED) CAA-HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPING.

REURLET OCTOBER EIGHT LAST.

ONE LATENT IMPRESSION OF FINGERPRINT OR PALM PRINT PRESENT  
ON BROWNING PISTOL FIVE THREE SEVEN EIGHT FOUR. NO LATENT PRINTS  
OF VALUE REMAINING SPECIMENS.

IMPRESSION NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS SIX INDIVIDUALS WITH  
NAME [REDACTED] FIVE INDIVIDUALS WITH NAME SIMILAR TO  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.; BRENT QUINTON DOWNS, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY  
TWENTYSIX FORTYTWO IN SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE. NO FINGERPRINTS  
LOCATED SUSAN GIFFE OR [REDACTED] NO PALM PRINTS HERE  
ABOVE INDIVIDUALS.

LAB REPORT SEPARATE.

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Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO SAC, JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

10-12-71

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED)

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED) CAA - HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPPING

REURAIRTEL OCTOBER THREE AND URTEL OCTOBER NINE.

SUBMITTED MAJOR CASE PRINTS GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE,

SUSAN L GIFFE, BRENT QUINTON DOWNS SEARCHED  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES, BUT NO PRIOR ARREST RECORD LOCATED.

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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Dalbey \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 - Mr. Conrad *Whe*  
1 - Mr. Bates  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Blackburn

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TO SAC JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

TELETYPE

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka - VICTIM (DECEASED)  
CAA-HIJACKING; KIDNAPING

JACKSONVILLE LETTER TO BUREAU DATED OCTOBER EIGHT LAST AND

PERSONAL DELIVERY OF EVIDENCE TO LAB BY SA [REDACTED]

OCTOBER EIGHT LAST.

BULLET FROM SKULL OF GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.; BULLET FROM NEAR  
LEFT ARMPIT AND BULLET FROM BRAIN OF SUSAN GIFFE; BULLET RESTING  
ON PILOT'S RIGHT THIGH; AND THE SEVEN CARTRIDGE CASES FROM FLOOR  
OF AIRCRAFT ALL IDENTIFIED AS BEING FIRED BY NINE MILLIMETER  
WALTHER, SERIAL NUMBER ONE FIVE ONE ONE SEVEN ZERO S.

REMAINING BULLETS AND METAL FRAGMENTS DO NOT BEAR SUFFICIENT  
INDIVIDUAL MICROSCOPIC MARKS FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

FLAKES OF UNBURNED GUNPOWDER FOUND ON TISSUE FROM HEAD OF  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. THESE FLAKES DID NOT FORM DEFINITE PATTERN  
WHICH PRECLUDES MAKING ACCURATE MUZZLE TO HEAD DISTANCE DETERMINATION.

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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☒

Teletype to Jacksonville  
Re: GEORGE MALLETT GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED)  
October 9, 1971

ALTHOUGH NINE MILLIMETER BROWNING, SERIAL NUMBER  
FIVE THREE SEVEN EIGHT FOUR HAS BEEN FIRED SINCE LAST  
CLEANED, NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE LENGTH OF TIME SINCE  
LAST FIRED.

RESULTS OF LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION TO BE  
FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

EXAMINATIONS CONTINUING. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Miller, ES\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Dalbey\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Cleveland\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ponder\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bates\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Walters\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Soyars\_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room\_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes\_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy\_\_\_\_\_

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5:02 PM NITEL 10-7-71 CRE

TO DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS (164-76)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED] MRS. b6 4  
b7C 11  
GEORGE M. GIFFE - VICTIM (DECEASED). CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.  
800:JK.

ON INSTANT DATE RE-RECORDING OF ORIGINAL TAPE OF CONVERSATIONS  
BETWEEN FAA FACILITY AT JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND  
PILOT OF HAWK COMMANDER NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT N OBTAINED FROM FAA  
AND BEING TRANSCRIBED.

RE-RECORDING OF ORIGINAL TAPE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN PILOT OF  
ABOVE AIRCRAFT AND FAA ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER, HILLIARD,  
FLORIDA, WILL BE AVAILABLE MORNING OF OCTOBER EIGHT, NEXT.

CONTACT WITH DR. WELLS, MEDICAL EXAMINER, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
THIS DATE, DETERMINED CHECK OF SKULL OF SUBJECT GIFFE NOT  
FORWARDED TO TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, AS INDICATED AND DR. WELLS  
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Some items to be delivered  
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WILL MAKE THIS SPECIMEN, WHICH CONTAINS NO VISIBLE GUN POWDER DEPOSITS, AVAILABLE TO BUREAU FOR EXAMINATION BY FBI LABORATORY. NO LABORATORY EXAMINATION OF THIS ITEM MADE BY ANY STATE AGENCY. JACKSONVILLE WILL CONTACT FBI LABORATORY RE TRANSPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THIS ITEM.

DISCREET INQUIRY WITH FAA OFFICIALS, JACKSONVILLE, THIS DATE, DETERMINED NO APPARENT OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED OTHER THAN NORMAL INCIDENT REPORT AT JACKSONVILLE.

JACKSONVILLE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN COPY OF THIS REPORT FROM FAA INSPECTOR. NO INVESTIGATION BEING MADE BY AIRPORT OFFICIALS INTO THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME.

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cc: Mr. Conrad

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October 14, 1971

Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Dalbey

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My dear Senator:

Your letter concerning the chartered aircraft that was hijacked on October 4, 1971, from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, was received October 12, 1971.

You requested a report on the events as they transpired concerning that incident. Since this matter is currently pending before the courts, I am unable to comment concerning the facts or to furnish you with a report.

In connection with your particular request concerning voice recordings of communications with the aircraft, it is pointed out these were the subject of a hearing in United States District Court in Tennessee on October 8, 1971, at which time a United States District Judge issued an order instructing Federal Aviation Administration authorities to preserve recording tapes of radio communications in their original condition. The FBI does not have possession of the original tape recordings.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Tolson
- Felt
- Rosen
- Mohr
- Bishop
- Miller, E.S.
- Callahan
- Casper
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NOTE:

By letter dated 10/7/71 U. S. Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr., (Republican - Tennessee) inquired concerning the 10/4/71 hijacking of the chartered flight from Nashville, Tennessee to Jacksonville, Florida. His letter requested a report as soon as possible and he particularly wanted to know whether or not voice recordings had been made and whether they were still available.

Senator Baker is not on the Special Correspondent's List. Our relations with the Senator have been satisfactory, but primarily concerned constituent and official matters.

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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October 7, 1971

George M. Griffe

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Department of Justice  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On October 4, 1971, an Aero Commander belonging to Big Brother Aircraft Company, Nashville, Tennessee, was chartered for a trip to Atlanta; and as you know, was the victim of a hijack attempt. Big Brother is a distinguished Nashville-based operation, and I would like to have as soon as possible a report on the events as they transpired. I would particularly like to know whether or not a recording of the voice communications with the aircraft at pertinent times was made and is still available.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
 (R-TENN.)  
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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: October 12, 1971

FROM : G. E. Malmfeldt

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED CONCERNING HIJACKING ATTEMPT  
OF PRIVATE AIRCRAFT IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA; 10/4/71

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend the handling of three pieces of correspondence received at the Bureau concerning the attempted hijacking of a private plane which resulted in the death of the hijacker's wife and pilot of the plane.

A letter was received 10/7 from [redacted] of San Antonio, Texas, addressed to the Director stating his dissatisfaction and that he would like to see a policy of "passengers first" reinstated. Bufiles contain no record of [redacted]

A copy of a letter to the President was received 10/7 from [redacted] of Shillington, Pennsylvania, expressing his concern and asking the President to initiate investigation of the Bureau's irresponsible handling of this air piracy. Bufiles contain no record of [redacted]

A brief, sarcastic telegram was received 10/6 from [redacted] of Key West, Florida, merely expressing congratulations on the "Giffe murders." Bufiles disclose an outgoing 1/12/71 to one [redacted] of West Palm Beach, Florida, in reply to his letter commending the Director; however, it is not known whether he is identical with correspondent.

None of the three communications asks any questions about this matter, nor do they seek information or commentary. Since this is a matter of pending investigation, and the correspondence by its nature begs no response, it is not felt an acknowledgment is warranted.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That no acknowledgment be made of the communications from [redacted]

- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (3)
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Belmont  
 Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. Bishop  
 Mr. Miller, E.  
 Mr. Callahan  
 Mr. Casper  
 Mr. Conrad  
 Mr. Dalbey  
 Mr. Cleveland  
 Mr. Felt  
 Mr. Gale  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Sullivan  
 Mr. Tavel  
 Mr. Walters  
 Mr. Soyars  
 Tele. Room  
 Miss Holmes  
 Miss Gandy

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[Redacted]

San Antonio, Texas 78227  
 October 5, 1971

Federal Bureau of Investigations  
 Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*George Giffe*

I have always had a lot of respect and confidence in the FBI and their operation. However, the incident over the weekend in Jacksonville, Florida causes some doubt now. The lives of two innocent people seems like a terrible price to pay for grounding a plane.

I would like to see the policy of the passengers come first reinstated.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

*San Antonio, Texas 78227*

*Pa*

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CORRESPONDENCE

*Malmfeldt to Bishop, memo*

*10-12-71*

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*IBT/mia*

This Copy To: J. Edgar Hoover

Richard M. Nixon  
President Of The United States  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to register my shock and disgust of the F.B.I.'s action in Jacksonville, Florida, on October 4, 1971, concerning the F.B.I.'s "attempt" to prevent Mr. George Giffa from skyjacking of a private plane to the Bahamas. From the accounts presented by newspaper s, radio and television news, I can only conclude that the manner in which the F.B.I. handled the situation caused the death of Susan Giffa and Brent Downs.

I consider myself a law and order advocate, but if all I have on the side of law and order is a F.B.I. who know how to shoot first and count the dead later, I have no hope. In the interest of justice, I feel an investigation of the incident is warranted to determine if the F.B.I. acted in a irresponsible manner and in so doing caused the death of Mrs. Giffa and Mr. Downs

Respectfully yours,

Shillington, Pa. 19607

V cc J. Edgar Hoover, Director F.B.I.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Miller, E.S.	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37210  
TELEPHONE

October 6, 1971

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Re: Big Brother Aircraft, Inc. v. John A. Volpe,  
etc., et al., Civil Action No. 6322 in the  
United States District Court for the Middle  
District of Tennessee, Nashville Division

Dear Sir:

For the purpose of complying with Rule 4(d)(4) of the  
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in serving process in this  
case, we hereby deliver to you copies of the following, which  
were filed in this case at 12:07 A.M., October 6, 1971:

1. Summons;
2. Complaint;
3. Affidavit of Counsel;
4. Temporary Restraining Order issued  
by Honorable Frank Gray, Jr., District  
Judge, at 12:10 o'clock A.M., October 6,  
1971.

For your information, service was also had upon the  
United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee  
in this case.

Very truly yours,

TWS:ejj  
Enclosures

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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## United States District Court

FOR THE

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISIONBIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC.CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 6322

Plaintiff

SUMMONS

JOHN A. VOLPE, Secretary of the Department  
of Transportation of the United States of  
America; THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION,  
an agency of the Department of Transportation  
of the United States of America, and its  
Administrator, JOHN SCHAFFER; and  
J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation, an agency of the  
Department of Justice of the United States  
of America, - Defendants  
To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon

Honorable Thomas Wardlaw Steele  
and  
Honorable Gilbert S. Merritt, Jr.plaintiff's attorney is 23rd. Floor, Life & Casualty Tower,  
Nashville, Tennessee

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 60 days after service of this  
summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be  
taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

BRANDON LEWIS

Clerk of Court.

Frank Williams

Deputy Clerk.

Date: October 6, 1971

[Seal of Court]

NOTE:—This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE,  
NASHVILLE DIVISION

*Filed Oct. 6, 1971*  
*12:07 A.M.*  
**FILED**

BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC., )

Plaintiff )

v. )

JOHN A VOLPE, Secretary of )  
the Department of Transportation )  
of the United States of America; )  
THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRA- )  
TION, an agency of the Department )  
of Transportation of the United )  
States of America; and its )  
Administrator, JOHN SCHAFER; and )  
J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the )  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, )  
an agency of the Department of )  
Justice of the United States of )  
America. )

Defendants )

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BRANDON LEWIS, Clerk  
~~by Brandon Lewis~~

CIVIL ACTION NO. 6322

COMPLAINT

1. Jurisdiction of this action is based upon 28 U.S.C. 1651. Venue of this action is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. 1391(e). Service of process upon the defendants herein, who are sued in their official capacities only, is governed by Rule 4(d)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. This action involves an amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeding the sum of \$10,000.00, and also involves equitable relief under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 1651.

2. Plaintiff was and is the owner of an aircraft, designated as "Commander 9058N", which was involved in an incident occurring on or around October 4, 1971. Plaintiff is engaged in the business, inter alia, of chartering or renting its aircraft to private persons for hire. It rents such an aircraft, a Hawk Commander manufactured by Rockwell Standard, Inc., purchased by the plaintiff approximately two years ago at a <sup>distributor</sup> cost exceeding \$300,000.00, to a private person or persons for a flight from Nashville, Tenn., to Atlanta, Georgia. Included in the charter of said aircraft was the furnishing of a fully qualified

and licensed pilot and co-pilot, employees of the plaintiff.

3. Commencing said charter and ensuing thereafter, said aircraft was forcibly and at gunpoint required to depart Nashville, Tennessee, with an unknown destination in the Bahama Islands. The occupants were three in number, other than the pilot and the co-pilot. Upon information and belief, said occupants consisted of the husband and wife, who were estranged, and an accomplice of the husband, who assisted him in forcing the estranged wife against her will to accompany them upon said aircraft. When said aircraft, under the circumstances described, approached <sup>Chattanooga, Tennessee</sup> the International Airport at Atlanta, Georgia, ~~it communicated to the agents and employees of the defendant, The Federal Aviation Administration (hereinafter referred to as "FAA"), the circumstances under which it was traveling and its need for a landing for the purpose of taking on fuel so as to travel to the Bahama Islands under the direction of the said husband who was controlling the movements of said aircraft and its destination under the threat of bodily harm to the pilot and co-pilot, himself and the estranged wife with a pistol.~~

4. Upon information and belief, when plaintiff's employees, the pilot and co-pilot, requested permission to land at the International Airport at Atlanta, Georgia, for the purpose of refueling, they were directed by employees and agents of the defendant, J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, not to land or attempt to land at Atlanta, Georgia, but to proceed to Jacksonville, Florida. The employees and agents of the defendant FAA concurred in the advice and directions given to the pilots of the plane by turning over the radio communications to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or, upon information and belief, by giving express directions to said pilots.

5. Upon information and belief, the pilots of the plane proceeded to Jacksonville, Florida, where they landed for refueling before continuing the plane's journey <sup>presumably</sup> to the Bahama Islands. Either in the process of landing ~~or upon landing~~, the pilots of said aircraft had radio communications with the control tower at the airport

in Jacksonville, Florida, which facilities at said control tower were manned by employees and agents of the FAA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI"), in which said pilots advised said employees and agents of their need for re-fueling and of the fact that an estranged husband on board was armed with a pistol, was threatening to kill the pilot, his estranged wife and himself if the plane was not permitted to refuel and continue to ~~the Bahama Islands~~ <sup>its destination</sup>. During ~~said~~ <sup>these</sup> conversations, the pilots of the plane warned, if not begged, the agents of the ~~FBI~~ <sup>F.A.A.</sup> not to shoot at the plane or to engage in resistance to the refueling operation. Because of the threat and danger of death or bodily harm at the hands of the estranged husband who had clearly voiced to them said threats, ~~upon landing, no fuel arrived to refuel. The pilots contacted the tower to request fuel. In spite of these warnings, when the plane landed at Jacksonville, Florida, agents of the defendant FBI opened fire upon the aircraft, shooting the tires and one of the engines of the aircraft. Shortly thereafter, the said estranged husband on board the aircraft, by means of the handgun in his possession, pursuant to the threats previously made, killed the pilot of the plane, his estranged wife and himself.~~ <sup>why they were not receiving fuel. An FBI agent stated the aircraft would not be permitted to leave. Thereafter FBI agents fired on the aircraft, shooting the tires and one of the engines of the aircraft. Shortly thereafter, the said estranged husband on board the aircraft, by means of the handgun in his possession, pursuant to the threats previously made, <sup>apparently</sup> killed the pilot of the plane, his estranged wife and himself.</sup>

6. Under the facts hereinbefore alleged, plaintiff has and intends to pursue and prosecute an action for damages against the United States of America under the Federal Tort Claim Act, 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., for damages to its personal property, to-wit, the valuable aircraft involved in the incident, and avers that said damages thereto are in excess of the sum of \$100,000.00. This Court has and will have jurisdiction and venue of said action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(3).

7. Essential to plaintiff's ability to present and prosecute its claim for damages, as aforesaid, and essential to the jurisdiction of this Court to entertain, hear and determine said action, is the preservation of certain vital evidence now in the hands and under the custody and control of employees and agents of the defendant FAA and/or the defendant FBI. The United States of America will be a defendant to such action and such action will involve the culpability

of either or both of the defendant agencies of the United States of America. Said evidence consists of mechanically or electronically recorded tapes of conversations between occupants of the aircraft owned by the plaintiff and employees and agents of the defendants FAA and/or FBI at Nashville, Tennessee, Atlanta, Georgia, Jacksonville, Florida, and perhaps other geographical locations unknown to the plaintiff at the present time. Upon information and belief, plaintiff avers that employees and agents of the defendant FBI have been endeavoring and will continue to endeavor to secure possession and control of said tapes, and plaintiff, at the time of the filing of this suit, does not know whether said tapes have been released to the FBI or remain in the custody and control of the FAA.

8. Plaintiff avers and charges that there is no statute, rule or regulation pursuant to the laws of the United States of America which places the duty upon and requires the defendants to preserve intact such evidence, but, to the contrary, the preservation of such evidence intact is left wholly to the discretion, whim, fancy and caprice of the employees and agents of the defendants. Plaintiff avers, upon information and belief, that it or its attorneys have been advised by a representative of the FAA that there is in existence a regulation which requires it to keep said tapes for a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of their recording, after which they may be destroyed, and it is the practice of said agency so to do. Plaintiff, however, is not advised of any law of the United States of America, or regulation made pursuant thereto, which requires the preservation of said tape for any period of time.

9. Plaintiff avers and charges that if said tapes are permitted by the person or persons having the custody and control thereof to be tampered with in any way, the most vital and essential evidence to the filing, prosecution and presentation of plaintiff's claim may and probably will be destroyed unless the same be prevented and that said vital evidence be preserved under appropriate orders of this Court. Plaintiff avers and charges further that the employees and agents of the FBI and FAA have and

may pursue a selfish interest in suppressing, concealing and/or tampering with the original status and existence of said tapes in such manner that the same may destroy or defeat plaintiff's ability to present to this Honorable Court relevant material and vital evidence in the prosecution of its claim for damages unless restrained by this Court as hereinafter prayed. Plaintiff avers further that the issuance of the writ of injunction hereinafter prayed is necessary or appropriate in aid of the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court to entertain, hear and determine plaintiff's claim of action and is agreeable to the usages and principles of law which include the invocation of the Court's power and writs in the premises to preserve essential evidence necessary to the prosecution of private claims against the sovereign..

10. Plaintiff avers further that time does not permit it to proceed under the provisions of Rule 27 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which provides for, under certain circumstances, the preservation of certain evidence, but which requires at least twenty (20) days' notice before the day of hearing by the Court of the taking of depositions thereunder in view of the facts and circumstances alleged in this complaint.

PREMISES CONSIDERED, PLAINTIFF PRAYS:

1. That prior to or upon the filing of this action, the Court issue a temporary restraining order, restraining the defendants, their agents, servants, employees and attorneys, from tampering with, altering, erasing, defacing, splicing or otherwise physically impairing the original condition of any and all recordings of any and all conversations or communications between <sup>any persons and</sup> occupants of the aircraft designated as "Commander 9058N" in flight and enroute from Nashville, Tennessee, via Atlanta, Georgia, to Jacksonville, Florida, inclusive of the point of the departure and the point of destination on or around October 4, 1971, or within any twenty-four (24) hours preceding or succeeding said date, or from attempting to do so; and

VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT

STATE OF TENNESSEE )  
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON )

M. P. Brothers, Jr., being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the President of Big Brother Aircraft, Inc., plaintiff in this cause; that the facts alleged and stated in said complaint are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and that he is authorized to execute this verification on behalf of the corporation of which he is the President.

M. P. Brothers, Jr.  
M. P. Brothers, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 5th day  
of October, 1971.

Reana J. Jackson  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 1/30/74



further from permitting any person or persons to have the control and possession thereof or access thereto, other than in the presence of a custodian designated and authorized by the head of the defendant departments for the purpose of being responsible for the preservation of said recordings in their original form and condition.

2. That upon notice and hearing, a preliminary injunction issue by orders of this Court, restraining the defendants as prayed in the first prayer hereof and further ordering and directing the defendants, their agents, servants, employees and attorneys, to forthwith deposit any and all such recordings described in the first prayer hereof with the Clerk of this Court for safekeeping, with access thereto to be permitted only upon express orders of this Court.

3. For general relief.

  
Gilbert S. Merritt

  
Thomas Wardlaw Steele

Attorneys for Plaintiff

Of Counsel:  
Gullett, Steele, Sanford, Robinson & Merritt  
23rd Floor, Life & Casualty Tower  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE,  
NASHVILLE DIVISION

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OCT 6 - 1971

BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC.,

Plaintiff

v.

JOHN A VOLPE, Secretary of  
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THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRA-  
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Administrator, JOHN SCHAFER;  
and J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
an agency of the Department of  
Justice of the United States of  
America,

Defendants

BRANDON LEWIS, Clerk  
*Brandon Lewis*

CIVIL ACTION NO. 6322

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TENNESSEE )  
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON )

I, Gilbert S. Merritt, attorney for plaintiff, Big Brother Aircraft, Inc., make oath that I communicated the substance of the attached complaint and application for temporary restraining order to the Honorable Charles H. Anderson, United States District Attorney for Middle Tennessee, by telephone at 7:45 P.M., October 5, 1971, and he advised that he would not need to be present when the complaint and application for temporary restraining order are presented to the Court and stated that he had no objection to their presentation to the Court ex parte by attorneys for plaintiff. In view of the urgent need for action to preserve the evidence described in the attached complaint, the efforts to give notice described herein, together with the lack of objection by the United States Attorney to ex parte presentation, satisfies Rule 65(b)(2), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and no further notice is required.

*Gilbert S. Merritt*  
Gilbert S. Merritt

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of October, 1971.

S/ Eleanor J. Jackson  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 1/30/74

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Brandon Lewis, Clerk  
U. S. District Court  
Middle District of Tennessee

By Brandon Lewis D.C.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE,  
NASHVILLE DIVISION

RECEIVED FOR ENTRY

1:05 a.m.

OCT 6 - 1971

BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC.,

Plaintiff

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
an agency of the Department of  
Justice of the United States of  
America,

Defendants

BRANDON LEWIS, Clerk

CIVIL ACTION NO.

6322

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

Application having been made to Honorable Frank Gray, Jr.,  
Judge, for the issuance of a temporary restraining order as prayed  
in the complaint filed in this cause and upon good cause shown,  
it is the finding and opinion of the Court that such temporary  
restraining order should issue; and it is accordingly

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that the defend-  
ants, and each of them, their agents, servants, employees, attorneys  
and any and all persons acting in concert with them, be and they  
are hereby temporarily restrained from tampering with, altering,  
erasing, defacing splicing or otherwise physically impairing the  
original condition of any and all recordings of any and all conver-  
sations or communications between any persons and occupants of the  
aircraft designated as "Commander 9058N" in flight and enroute from  
Nashville, Tennessee, via Atlanta, Georgia, to Jacksonville, Florida,  
inclusive of the point of the departure and the point of destination,  
on or around October 4, 1971, or within any twenty-four (24) hours  
preceding or succeeding said date, or from attempting to do so; and

further from permitting any person or persons to have the control and possession thereof or access thereto, other than in the presence of a custodian designated and authorized by the head of the defendant departments for the purpose of being responsible for the preservation of said recordings in their original form and condition.

This temporary restraining order shall remain in full force and effect until 11 o'clock A.M., October 8, 1971, unless within the time so fixed this order for good cause shown is extended for a like period, at which time the Court will hear the application and motion of the plaintiff for the issuance of the preliminary injunction prayed in the complaint, at which time the defendants shall appear and show cause, if any, why the preliminary injunction prayed in the complaint should not issue.

The Court further finds that the plaintiff will suffer irreparable injury unless this temporary restraining order is issued in that there is no assurance that the tapes of said communications and conversations, if any, will be adequately and exactly preserved as evidence by the defendant, their agents, servants and employees, unless this temporary restraining order is issued; and it appearing to the Court that the recordings of said communications or conversations are essential to the investigation and presentation of plaintiff's prospective claim alleged in the complaint, and without a preservation of the same, an injustice may result; and it further appearing to the Court that due to doubt about the custody and control of said recordings and the present whereabouts of the same, all of the defendants herein should be restrained as provided herein and that all possible notice of the application for this temporary restraining order has been given by attorneys for the plaintiff to the United States Attorney at Nashville, and that the provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for the issuance of a temporary restraining order without notice have been adequately complied with, it is so ORDERED by the Court.

A condition of the issuance of this temporary restraining order is the filing and posting of a good and adequate surety bond by the plaintiff in the penal sum of \$ 250.00, conditioned for the payment of such costs and damages as may be incurred or suffered by any party who is found to have been wrongfully enjoined or restrained.

ALL OF WHICH IS SO ORDERED BY THE COURT at 12:10 'clock  
A.M., this October 6, 1971.

Frank Dray, Jr.  
JUDGE

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Brandon Lewis, Clerk  
U. S. District Court  
Middle District of Tennessee  
By Frank Williams D.C.

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The Attorney General  
164-2042-15  
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Director, FBI

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED) - VICTIM  
BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED) - VICTIM

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- October 13, 1971
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - [redacted] b6
- 1 - Mr. Felt b7C
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Dalbey

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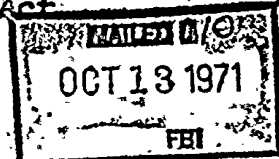
164-2042-1  
Reference is made to my letters dated October 4, 1971,  
and October 7, 1971, concerning this matter.

By my letter dated October 7, 1971, you were  
advised of the intention of the Big Brother Aircraft, Incorporated,  
to institute suit against the FBI in the amount of \$100,000  
under the provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act. This  
intended suit is in connection with the events involving the  
hijacking of a chartered flight of the plaintiff company from  
Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on October 4,  
1971. Attorney for the plaintiff company filed an injunction  
in U. S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville,  
Tennessee, on October 5, 1971, requiring the Federal Aviation  
Administration to produce all pertinent tape recordings  
relating to the flight.

By letter dated October 6, 1971, the law offices of  
[redacted] Nashville,  
Tennessee, forwarded to this Bureau a copy of the Summons,  
Complaint, Affidavit of Counsel and Temporary Restraining Order  
issued by U. S. District Judge Frank Gray, Jr. A review of the  
Complaint indicates the plaintiff is alleging damage to his  
aircraft and is claiming the right to recover under the Federal  
Tort Claims Act.

- Tolson
- Felt
- Rosen
- Mohr
- Bishop
- Miller, E.S.
- Callahan
- Casper
- Conrad
- Dalbey
- Cleveland
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- Holmes
- Gandy

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NOTE: See Bureau letter to the Attorney General dated 10/7/71.  
Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised on 10/7/71 that the  
Department is aware of the civil proceedings and they do not need  
copies of the process received by the Bureau.

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The Attorney General

At a hearing in U. S. District Court, Nashville, Tennessee, on October 8, 1971, U. S. District Judge Frank Gray, Jr., signed an order instructing Federal Aviation Administration authorities to preserve in their original condition the recordings of radio communications in connection with this incident. U. S. Attorney Charles H. Anderson of Nashville, Tennessee, pointed out to the court that at no time did the Agents of the FBI take control or possession of the original tapes.

Any additional pertinent developments will be furnished to you.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division





In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 1809  
Jacksonville, Florida 32201  
October 8, 1971

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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[Redacted Address]

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear [Redacted Name]

On behalf of my associates in the Jacksonville Division, I want to express deepest appreciation for your letter of October 5, 1971, and your favorable comments concerning a recent incident in Jacksonville.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing, and it is our hope our action will continue to merit your approbation.

Sincerely,

W. M. Alexander  
Special Agent in Charge

- 1 - Addressee
  - 1 - Bureau (Crime Records) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - SAC, Memphis (Enc. 1) (Pers. Attention)
  - 1 - Jacksonville (80-0)
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CRIME RECORDS SECTION

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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October 5, 1971

Special Agent W. H. Alexander,  
Office of the Bureau of Investigation,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

*George M. GIFFE*

I take your name from the newspaper account of the recent Plane High-jacking occurrence in your City.

Your Department I believe did exactly right on October 4th in stopping the private Plane in Jacksonville on which George Giffe later killed his wife and himself. The man Giffe was kidnapping an American citizen. It was the duty of your Department to stop that criminal act. There was no reason to believe that Giffe would kill anyone.

A Nashville man has criticized your Department in the press. He is entirely wrong. If it had been his wife or daughter that was being kidnapped he would have insisted that you stop the Plane. He is apparently mad because his plane tire was shot and he wants some publicity. Don't apologize. The shooting was the unfortunate act of a crazy man that could not have been anticipated.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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9:51 PM NITEL 10-14-71 ALH

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TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR

ATLANTA (164-241)

CHICAGO

CINCINNATI

BALTIMORE

MEMPHIS (164-76)

NEWARK

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P) 6P

CHANGED: GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR.

(DECEASED); [REDACTED] MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM

(DECEASED) CAA - HIJACKING, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, INTIMID-  
ATION OF CREW MEMBERS; KIDNAPPING. OO: JK.

TITLE IS MARKED "CHANGED" TO REFLECT CORRECT SPELLING OF SUBJECT  
GIFFE'S MIDDLE NAME MALLORY AS VERIFIED BY BIRTH CERTIFICATE LOCATED  
AT JACKSONVILLE AND TO ADD ADDITIONAL CHARACTERS AS RESULTS OF FGJ  
ACTION AT JK.

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FOR INFO OF OFFICES NOT RECEIVING PRIOR INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER, ON OCTOBER FOUR, LAST, SUBJECT GIFFE SHOT AND KILLED PILOT OF AIRCRAFT AND WIFE AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND DIED FROM SELF INFLICTED GUNSHOT <sup>N</sup>WOULD IN HEAD, AFTER HIJACKING.

EXAMINATION OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS REFLECTED NUMEROUS CARDS, AND OTHER MATERIAL IN THE NAME OF GEORGE GIFFE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

LEADS:

BALTIMORE, UACB, REVIEW RECORDS OF SOURCE [ ] FOR PAST FIVE YEAR EMPLOYMENTS UNDER NAME OF GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., SSN FOUR ZERO NINE DASH FIVE SIX DASH FOUR THREE SEVEN ONE.

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CHICAGO, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AS WELL AS INDICES ON [ ] STONE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, THIRTEEN FIFTY FIVE NORTH SANDBURG TERRACE, CHICAGO, AND INTERVIEW RE GIFFE UNLESS BACK GROUND PRECLUDES.

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ATLANTA AT RINGGOLD, GA., VERIFY MARRIAGE OF GIFFE AND [ ] [ ] NINE TWENTY SEVEN FIFTY FOUR IN ORDER TO LOCATE [ ] FOR INTERVIEW CONCERNING GIFFE.

CINCINNATI AT CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, REVIEW RECORDS POLICY [ ] ISSUED TEN ONE SIXTY NINE TO [ ] [ ] AND DETERMINE IF POLICY STILL IN EFFECT.

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MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE, WILL CONDUCT EXHAUSTIVE BACKGROUND CHECKS, INTERVIEWS, WHERE PERTINENT, AND OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING RECORDS AND ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING:

(ONE) AT THIRD NATIONAL BANK, CHECK ESCROW ACCOUNT NUMBER THREE ONE SIX DASH FOUR ONE EIGHT DASH SEVEN AND THREE ONE SIX DASH FOUR ONE SIX DASH ZERO IN NAME OF GLOBAL DASH V DASH REALTY.

(TWO) AT FIRST AMERICAN BANK, CHECK ACCOUNT NUMBER ONE THREE THREE DASH ONE ZERO FOUR DASH EIGHT IN NAME OF GEORGE M. GIFFE.

AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CHECK ACCOUNT NUMBER EIGHT THREE SEVEN DASH TWO SEVEN TWO DASH ONE IN NAME OF VERSTAND COMPANY.

AT FIRST AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, HARDING MALL BRANCH, CHECK ACCOUNT NUMBER THREE THREE THREE DASH NINE FIVE FOUR DASH NINE.

(THREE) CHECK ST CLAIRS OF NASHVILLE, ACCOUNT SEVEN SIX ONE

(FOUR) AT LOCAL OFFICE OF WOOLCO, CHECK CREDIT CARD NUMBER SIX ZERO FOUR TWO DASH TWO NINE ONE DASH TWO FOUR TWO DASH TWO.

(FIVE) AT MAGRILL DASH WEINBERGER, MOSKOVITZ, INC., TWO ZERO THREE FAIRFAX AVENUE, CHECK INSURANCE COMPANY, POLICY NUMBER CF TWO ONE DASH SIX SEVEN DASH ZERO ONE, AND POLICY OF SOUTH FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY NUMBER SIX TWO EIGHT FOUR FOUR TWO.

(SIX) AT DMV, CHECK REGISTRATIONS FOR NINETEEN SIXTY THREE BUICK SPORT COUPE, VIN SEVEN ZERO ONE ONE ONE ONE ONE ZERO SIX TITLE NUMBER ONE ZERO SIX SIX TWO ZERO EIGHT NINE.

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CHECK NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN CADILLAC DEVILLE FOUR DOOR SEDAN,  
VIN B SEVEN ONE THREE SEVEN THREE ONE NINE PURCHASED ONE TWENTY  
NINE SEVENTY UNDER TITLE NUMBER ONE FOUR SIX THREE FIVE ONE NINE  
TWO.

IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE VEHICLE, CHECK RECORDS OF U. S. COURT-  
HOUSE CREDIT UNION, P. O. BOX ONE ZERO FOUR SEVEN, LEINHOLDER ON  
VEHICLE, FOR BACKGROUND.

CHECK REGISTRATION OF NINTENN<sup>E E</sup> SEVENTY MERCURY COUGER, VIN OF  
NINE ONE M FIVE TWO SIX FOUR NINE NINE, TITLE NUMBER ONE FOUR FOUR  
TWO ZERO TWO NINE FOUR.

(SEVEN) AT METROPOLITAN PD, CHECK SPECIAL POLICEMAN'S AND  
SPECIAL POLICE COMMISSION CARD NUMBER THREE FOUR ONE TWO.

(EIGHT) AT TENNESSEE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, CHECK FOR BROKERS  
LICENSE RECORDED ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, ONE NINE SIX NINE, AND LICENSE  
NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR FIVE ISSUED NINETEEN SIXTY NINE AND NUMBER  
TWO FOUR FOUR SIX, ISSUED ONE ONE SEVENTY.

(NINE) AT NAKARA ACADEMY, CHECK ID CARD NUMBER HN ONE TWO THREE  
FIVE SHOWING GIFFE AS BLACK BELT EXPERT.

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(TEN) CHECK TRAVELERS HOTLINE SERVICE CARD AT NASHVILLE PHONE THREE TWO SEVEN ONE NINE ZERO TWO, POLICY NUMBER ZERO FOUR TWO THREE TWO ZERO. DASH ZERO ZERO NINE NINE SEVEN NINE EIGHT TWO TWO DASH ONE ZERO ONE DASH ONE ONE NINE.

(ELEVEN) DETERMINE IF GIFFE KNOWN TO T. MICHAEL MC MAHON INC., SUITE THREE TEN, SEVENTEEN TWENTY WEST END BUILDING.

(TWELVE) CHECK SUBSCRIBERS TO PHONE NUMBERS THREE TWO SEVEN DASH TWO ZERO THREE THREE; TWO FOUR FOUR DASH FIVE ONE FIVE ONE, AND TWO FIVE SIX DASH NINE ONE NINE TWO.

(THIRTEEN) INSURE THAT CADILLAC VEHICLE LEFT BY SUBJECTS GIFFE AND  AT AIRPORT HAS BEEN PROCESSED FOR PRINTS AND RESULTS FORWARDED TO IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FOR COMPARISON WITH PRINTS OF SUBJECTS AND VICTIM, SUSAN GIFFE.

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NEWARK AT NEWARK, WILL CHECK FOR BACKGROUND AT QUOTE THE EXECUTIVE PROGRAM UNQUOTE, FRONT AND BROWN STREETS, RIVERSIDE, NEW JERSEY, UNDER NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE FIVE EIGHT TWO THREE THREE.  
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THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THIS CASE MUST RECEIVE PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION. RESULTS OF LEADS MUST BE SENT BY TELETYPE AND ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION INCORPORATED IN FD THREE ZERO TWO'S AFTER JK HAS BEEN FURNISHED TELETYPE SUMMARY.

END

LRS FBI WASHDC

HOLD

*cc - Mr. Walters*



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

DATE: 10/14/71

FROM : R. J. Gallagher

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*Downing*  
**George Mallery Giffey Jr**

- 1- Mr. Rosen
- 1- Mr. Bates
- 1- Mr. Bishop
- 1- [REDACTED]
- 1- Mr. Malmfeldt
- 1- Mr. Gallagher
- 1- Mr. Matheson

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Attached is a scurrilous letter from captioned individual addressed "U. S. Government, Att: General's Office, Washington, D. C." postmarked 10/6/71, at Jacksonville, Florida. The letter is written on a piece of paper approximately 15" by 17" and is hand-written in red and black pen. The letter is critical of the Director, the FBI, police, churches, the courts and the Federal Government in general. In one place the letter refers to the FBI killing three people with machine guns "in the plane" obviously referring to the recent hijacking incident in Jacksonville, Florida.

[REDACTED] was subject of Bureau inquiry in June, 1971, when he sent a hand-printed extortion letter to Judge [REDACTED]

As a result of this investigation the subject admitted writing the letter to the Judge, however, denied he planned to carry out his threat. The subject's wife was interviewed and stated her husband had received a medical discharge from the Navy due to mental problems and had been confined at a Naval hospital in 1968 (at her request) due to mental problems. She said he was scheduled to receive outpatient treatment upon his release which the subject never did. She said her husband has become a religious fanatic, an avid reader and has written numerous letters to public officials, churches and businesses where he has made threatening statements. U. S. Secret Service and the Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice, were furnished background information concerning the subject by letterhead memorandum, 7/9/71, reflecting prosecution was declined.

ACTION:

NOT RECORDED

In view of the above it is recommended that the attached letter not be acknowledged and no further action be taken.

Enclosure

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Honorable Charles S. Gubser  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Bates  
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1 - Mr. Gallagher  
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1 - Mr. Felt  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
(Attn: Mr. Bowers)  
1 - Mr. Dalbey

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My dear Congressman:

Your letter dated October 12, 1971,  
with its enclosure, has been received.

An agreement was entered into by  
the Department of Justice and the Department  
of Transportation which sets forth that when  
an aircraft is not in flight, the designated  
representative of the Department of Justice (the  
FBI) will make the decision, where appropriate, to  
interrupt or take other positive action with  
respect to a hijacking.

I wish to assure you our primary  
consideration in all aircraft hijacking cases  
has been and will continue to be the well-being  
of all persons aboard.

Since the matter referred to by Mr. Gratz  
in his telegram is the subject of actions in the  
courts, I am unable to comment further concerning  
it.

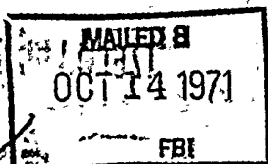
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Charles S. Gubser

NOTE: By letter 10-12-71, Congressman Charles S. Gubser (Republican - California) forwarded to the Bureau a copy of a telegram he received from John Paul Gratz, Chairman, TWA Council, Airline Pilots Association, Saratoga, California. The Congressman requested our comments regarding Gratz's telegram. This telegram concerned the 10-4-71, hijacking of a private chartered flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida. Gratz erroneously implied the Bureau's actions were not in accord with the agreement between the Justice Department and the Department of Transportation. Gratz is not identifiable in Bureau files.

Congressman Gubser is not on the Special Correspondents' List; however, our relations with him have been cordial.

CHARLES S. GUBSER  
10TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 12, 1971

Mr. Tolson  
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

GEORGE M. GIFFE

Enclosed you will find a copy of a telegram that I  
have received from my constituent, Capt. John P. Gratz, CALIF.

I will appreciate your considering the concern he  
has expressed relative to the handling of hijackers by the FBI  
and will value your advice in this regard.

Thanking you, I am

Yours sincerely,

Charles S. Gubser  
Charles S. Gubser  
Member of Congress  
(R-CALIF.)

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CONGRESSMAN CHARLES S GUBSER

HOUSE OFFICE BLDG WASHDC

DEAR SIR:

LATEST HIJACK INTERCEPT BY FBI AGAIN RAISES GRAVEST CONCERN OF AIRLINE PILOTS THAT THE FBI IS BENT ON A SHOOT FIRST SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF AERIAL PIRACY. THIS IS COUNTER TO MOST RESPONSIBLE JUDGMENTS. AIRLINE PILOTS ARE RESPONSIBLE BY LAW FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR PASSENGERS AND CREW WHEN HIJACKED. A DECISION TO INTERDICT MUST BE COORDINATED WITH THE FLIGHT CAPTAIN. THERE ARE SEVERAL ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES TO DO THIS UNTIL ASSURANCES ARE GIVEN TO US WE SHALL CARRY ADDITIONAL CONCERN THAT IF HIJACKED WE SHALL BE MET WITH A FUSILLADE OF GUNFIRE WHEN WE LAND NO MATTER WHAT THE SITUATION IS ON THE AIRCRAFT. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS WOULD YOU PLEASE HELP

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# Telegram

US BY FINDING OUT WHAT THE FBI IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO ACT  
IN THIS MANNER AND THAT THEY WILL HONOR EXISTING AGREEMENTS  
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRA-  
TION AIRLINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION AND OTHERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
FOR YOUR ATTENTION

AAAA. SINCERELY

JOHN <sup>A</sup> PAUL GRATZ CHAIRMAN TWA COUNCIL 69 AIRLINE PILOTS  
ASSN 21140 CANYON VIEW DR SARATOGA CALIF  
(929).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 14 1971

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9:06 PM NITEL 10-14-71 DMB

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (164-76)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., DECEASED; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED).

CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO JACKSONVILLE THIS DATE.

PER REQUEST OF BUREAU DAILY NITEL SUMMARIES WILL BE  
PREPARED ADVISING BUREAU ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS THIS  
CASE.

BUREAU NOTE REPORT OF MEMPHIS DIVISION COMPLETED THIS  
DATE CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE  
PAGES AND FORWARDED TO BUREAU THIS DATE. REPORT CONTAINS  
DETAILED BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF SUBJECTS, VICTIM AND  
OTHER INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL AS STATEMENTS RECEIVED FROM  
CO PILOT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] EYE <sup>WITNESS</sup> ~~ISS~~ HIJACKING.

CLOTHING WORN BY PILOT DOWNS (DECEASED) TO BE OBTAINED

TOMORROW.

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INVESTIGATION IN MEMPHIS DIVISION AT NASHVILLE IS  
CONTINUING IN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE AS REQUESTED BY BUREAU.

JACKSONVILLE ADVISED BY AIRMAIL. P. END.

PLS HOLD FOR ONE MORE TU

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Felt ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Bishop ✓  
Mr. Miller, ES ✓  
Mr. Callahan ✓  
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157 PM EDST URGENT 10-4-71 MHM

TO DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS (164-NEW)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

CHANGED: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);  
MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA SUSAN GIFFE NEE LAKICH - VICTIM  
(DECEASED); CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING, KIDNAPING.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TODAY.

TITLE CHANGED TO ADD IDENTITY OF UNSUB AND FULL NAME OF GIFFE  
AND WIFE.

THE FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF EVENTS CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER:

AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR ZERO FIVE AM, INSTANT DATE, WE WERE ADVISED  
BY FAA THAT PRIVATE PLANE ENROUTE FROM NASHVILLE, TENN., TO ATLANTA,  
GA., HAD BEEN HIJACKED AND WAS TO LAND AT JACKSONVILLE FOR PURPOSE OF  
REFUELING BEFORE TAKING OFF FOR BAHAMAS. AGENTS UNDER DIRECT SUPER-  
VISION ASAC [REDACTED] DISPATCHED TO AIRPORT IMMEDIATELY.

AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE TEN AM, PLANE LANDED AT JACKSONVILLE  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND WAS DIRECTED BY CONTROL TOWER TO AIR KAMAN  
WHICH IS LANDING AND REFUELING AREA FOR PRIVATE AIRCRAFT.

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AIRCRAFT DIRECTED INTO UNOCCUPIED LANDING AREA, DID ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DEGREE TURN, SHUT DOWN LEFT ENGINE AND AT THIS TIME WAS UNDER DIRECT OBSERVATION OF ASAC AND AGENTS.

RIGHT ENGINE STILL RUNNING.

PILOT HAD REQUESTED FUEL, LIFE RAFTS AND MAPS AND TAKE OFF CLEARANCE FOR POSSIBLE FLIGHT TO BAHAMAS.

CONTROL TOWER ADVISED PILOT THAT NO FUEL OR ENGINE STARTER AVAILABLE AND DEMAND FOR SURRENDER MADE.

SURVEILLANCE CONTINUED AND APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES LATER INDIVIDUAL SEEN TO DEPART FROM PLANE. IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] THE COPILOT, WHO ADVISED TWO MEN AND ONE WOMAN ABOARD AIRCRAFT AND ONE MAN HAD GUN. COPILOT INDICATED HE DID NOT WANT TO REBOARD FLIGHT.

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APPROXIMATELY THREE TO FIVE MINUTES LATER UNIDENTIFIED FIGURE SEEN TO EMERGE FROM AIRCRAFT AND IDENTIFIED BY AGENTS AS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AGE FORTYTWO. [REDACTED] ARMED WITH COCKED BELGIAN AUTOMATIC, SN FIVE THREE SEVEN EIGHT FOUR (NCIC NEGATIVE).

[REDACTED] DISARMED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

CONTROL TOWER ADVISED PILOT AGAIN THAT FBI ON THE SCENE AND NEITHER [REDACTED] OR COPILOT WOULD REBOARD THE PLANE AND AGAIN CALLED FOR SURRENDER.

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DECISION MADE TO DISABLE AIRCRAFT AND BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT REAR TIRES SHOT OUT. RIGHT ENGINE DISABLED BY TWO RIFLE SHOTS. ABSOLUTELY NO SHOTS FIRED IN VICINITY OF PILOT OR PASSENGER COMPARTMENT. AS ENGINE DIED, SEVERAL SHOTS HEARD INSIDE AIRCRAFT.

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ASAC [REDACTED] CIRCLED AROUND FRONT OF AIRCRAFT AND TWO SHOTS WERE FIRED THROUGH LEFT PILOT WINDOW AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DID NOT RETURN FIRE BUT SHOUTED IDENTITY AND AGAIN CALLED FOR SURRENDER.

A COUPLE ADDITIONAL SHOTS WERE HEARD INSIDE THE AIRCRAFT AND THEN COMPLETE SILENCE.

ASAC APPROACHED AIRCRAFT FROM LEFT SIDE. CHECK DETERMINED PILOT SLUMPED TO HIS RIGHT AND MOANS HEARD IN PASSENGER COMPARTMENT. ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION DETERMINED WHITE FEMALE SLUMPED ON LEFT REAR SEAT AND LARGE WHITE MALE SLUMPED ON RIGHT REAR SEAT.

PILOT IDENTIFIED BY COPILOT AS BRENT QUINTON DOWNS, SIX TWO ZERO PACE FERRY ROAD, NASHVILLE, TENN., AGE TWENTYNINE, DOB FEB. TWENTYSIX, FORTYTWO.

WOMAN IDENTIFIED BY PAPERS IN A A HANDBAG AS SUSAN LAKICH GIFFE, EIGHT ZERO FIVE CONTINENTAL, NASHVILLE, DOB NOV. SIX, FORTYFIVE.

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LARGE MALE ON RIGHT SIDE IDENTIFIED AS GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR., FORTYFIVE ZERO ONE PACKARD DRIVE, NASHVILLE, AGE THIRTYFOUR, DOB JULY ELEVEN, THIRTYSIX.

GEORGE GIFFE REMOVED BY EMERGENCY SQUAD BUT WAS DEAD ON ARRIVAL AT LOCAL HOSPITAL.

GEORGE GIFFE ARMED WITH AN EMPTY WALTHER AUTOMATIC PISTOL (NCIC NEGATIVE) AND ADDITIONAL LOADER CLIP FOUND NEARBY.

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USA, JACKSONVILLE HAS AUTHORIZED FILING OF COMPLAINT CONCERNING [REDACTED] CHARGING HIM WITH VIOLATION SECTION TWELVE ZERO ONE AND SECTION TWENTY, TITLE EIGHTEEN, AS AN AIDOR AND ABETTOR IN KIDNAPING OF MRS. GIFFE.

DETAILED SEARCH OF AIRCRAFT MADE AND PRESENTLY UNDER OUR SECURITY.

[REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THERE WERE EXPLOSIVES ABOARD AND IDENTIFIED GRAY BOX AS CONTAINING EXPLOSIVES WHICH WAS REMOVED AND EXAMINED BY BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT, NAVAL AIR STATION, JACKSONVILLE, AND FOUND TO CONTAIN PERSONAL PAPERS OF GEORGE GIFFE.

[REDACTED] IN DETAILED INTERVIEW INDICATES HAD KNOWN GIFFE FIVE TO EIGHT WEEKS AND GIFFE WAS GOING TO HELP HIM, [REDACTED] SECURE FINANCIAL AIR FOR NIGHT CLUB WHICH [REDACTED] OWNS WITH PARTNER CALLED LABRI LOUNGE, TWELVE TWELVE JO JOHNSTON AVE., NASHVILLE. CLAIMS GIFFE ASKED

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HIM TO DRIVE HIM AND HIS WIFE TO AIRPORT; THAT GIFFE AND WIFE WERE GOING TO ATLANTA. HAD SEEN GIFFE'S WIFE TWO OR THREE TIMES AND WAS INTRODUCED TO HER AND HEARD GIFFE CALL HER SUSAN. [ ] SAYS GIFFE IN HIS LOUNGE SATURDAY AND ALSO AFTERNOON ON SUNDAY AT WHICH TIME ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR [ ] TO DRIVE TO AIRPORT AND BRING CAR BACK.

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[ ] SAYS GIFFE AND WIFE CAME BY ABOUT MIDNIGHT AND ON THE WAY TO AIRPORT MRS. GIFFE WAS INDICATING SHE DID NOT WANT TO GO. UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT SHE JUMPED OUT OF PASSENGER SIDE, FELL ON PAVEMENT AND WAS SUBDUED BY [ ] AND GIFFE. THREE MEN, APPARENTLY PILOT, COPILOT AND SERVICE MAN, CAME OUT AT WHICH TIME SERVICE MAN DISAPPEARED BUT GIFFE PULLED GUN ORDERING EVERYONE ON TO PLANE.

JUST PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT, GIFFE HAD HANDED GUN TO [ ] SAYS HE PUT IT IN HIS POCKET AND DID NOT PULL GUN AGAIN UNTIL AIRBORNE WHEN GIFFE ORDERED [ ] TO TAKE HIS GUN OUT OF HIS POCKET AND HOLD IT IN HIS HAND WHICH HE DID.

[ ] SAYS AFTER THEY TAXIED OUT, CAR WITH EMERGENCY LIGHT APPEARED AND GIFFE ORDERED PILOT TO TAKE OFF IMMEDIATELY.

[ ] SAYS HE WAS SITTING IN JUMP SEAT IMMEDIATELY BACK OF PILOT AND COPILOT WITH GIFFE AND WIFE, SITTING TOWARD THE REAR OF THE PLANE AND WAS RELAYING ORDERS FROM GIFFE.

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ENROUTE GIFFE ORDERED PLANE TO GO TO JACKSONVILLE INSTEAD OF ATLANTA AND REFUEL FOR POSSIBLE TAKE OFF TO BAHAMAS.

[REDACTED] SAYS AFTER LANDING AT JACKSONVILLE AND BEING ADVISED BY TOWER THAT FUEL AND OTHER EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE, GIFFE ORDERED PILOT TO TAKE OFF, BUT HE SAID HE COULD NOT DO IT AND DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH FUEL.

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AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION [REDACTED] SAID GIFFE ALLOWED COPILOT TO EMERGE FROM AIRCRAFT FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION WITH AUTHORITIES RE FUEL.

AFTER PLANE WAS ADVISED THAT COPILOT WAS NOT COMING BACK ABOARD, GIFFE TOLD [REDACTED] HE <sup>h</sup>SOULD GET OUT AND SEE WHAT HE COULD TO RELATIVE TO FUEL.

COPILOT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED IN DETAILED INTERVIEW HE RECEIVED CALL FROM BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT AT NASHVILLE, FOUR TO FIVE PM, OCT. THREE, LAST FOR CHARTER PLANE TO PROCEED AT ONE FIFTEEN AM WITH TWO PASSENGERS TO ATLANTA. HE CONTACTED PILOT AND AGREED TO MEET AT METRO AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY MIDNIGHT. UPON ARRIVAL, FOUND THAT GIFFE HAD ALLEGEDLY PAID OVER FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR CHARTERED FLIGHT AND HAD EARLIER LOADED LUGGAGE ON THE PLANE.

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APPROXIMATELY ONE FORTYFIVE AM, GIFFE, [REDACTED] AND WOMAN IDENTIFIED TO HIM AS MRS. GIFFE ARRIVED AT AIRPORT IN GOLD CADILLAC. WOMAN WAS HYSTERICAL AND SCREAMING INDICATING SHE DID NOT WANT TO GO AND WAS SUBDUED BY GIFFE AND [REDACTED] AFTER GETTING OUT OF CAR.

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GIFFE THEN ALLEGEDLY PULLED BADGE AND CREDENTIALS SAYING HE WAS WITH CIA, THAT TRIP HAD TO GO, AND WIFE WAS A MENTAL PATIENT.

[REDACTED] SAID TO PILOT THAT POLICE SHOULD CHECK THIS OUT AT WHICH TIME GIFFE APPARENTLY OVERHEARD, PULLED A GUN, AND ORDERED ALL ON PLANE. WOMAN BODILY TAKEN ON PLANE.

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AFTER AIRBORNE SAW GUN IN [REDACTED] HAND AND GIFFE RELAYED ORDERS THROUGH [REDACTED] DIVERTING PLANE TO JACKSONVILLE PREPARATORY TO GOING TO JAMAICA OR FREEPORT.

AFTER BEING ADVISED BY TOWER THAT NO FUELED OR STARTER AVAILABLE, GIFFE ORDERED HIM, AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, TO GET OUT AND SPEAK TO AUTHORITIES RE FUEL.

MATTER BEING GIVEN CONTINUOUS AND EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT CURRENTLY INFORMED.

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CC: Mr. BATES



October 4, 1971

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached sets forth in complete detail circumstances surrounding the hijacking this morning of the small twin engine aircraft from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, where subject Giffe shot and killed the pilot, his wife and himself. Subject [redacted] has been charged with Federal kidnapping violation and remains in custody in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates  
FROM : R. J. Gallagher  
SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);  
[REDACTED]  
SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED) - VICTIM;  
BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED) - VICTIM;  
[REDACTED]  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

DATE: October 4, 1971

1 - Mr. Bates  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Information concerning captioned matter is being set forth below for record purposes by Extra-Duty Agent [REDACTED]

At 3:50 a. m., today, information received from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Control Headquarters, Washington, D. C., [REDACTED] was relayed to the Jacksonville Office. This included information that FAA advised that a private chartered aircraft, twin-engine aero commando turbo-jet No. 9058N, had been reported hijacked en route from Nashville, Tennessee, Metropolitan Airport to Atlanta, Georgia. This plane had reportedly left Nashville at approximately 2:59 a. m., Eastern Standard Time, and its expected arrival time at Jacksonville, Florida, was 5:25 a. m. The plane had fuel for about 4 1/2 hours travel time or sufficient amount to travel 900 miles. Jacksonville Duty Agent [REDACTED] was in the process of receiving the same information from FAA in Jacksonville at the time he was called by SA [REDACTED]

At 3:55 a. m. the Memphis Office was contacted and Security Patrol Clerk [REDACTED] was immediately advised of the hijacking as the duty Agent, [REDACTED] was on the telephone with the FAA, Memphis.

Both the Jacksonville and Memphis Offices were instructed to immediately give this matter top priority investigative attention and to keep the Bureau advised of all developments. At 4:05 a. m., Unit Chief [REDACTED] was advised of this matter and instructed that he be kept apprised of developments. At 4:16 a. m. FAA Duty Officer [REDACTED] advised that the aircraft had been diverted from Atlanta to Jacksonville and at that time the plane was 12 miles west of Macon, Georgia. It was also determined that two men had arrived at the Nashville Airport with a woman and a scuffle had ensued at which time the men allegedly pulled guns and ordered the pilot to take off.

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RE: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED)

It was further reported that in addition to the three passengers, the plane crew consisted of a pilot and co-pilot. The name of the aircraft chartering company was determined to be Big Brother Aircraft Company, a ~~fixed-base~~ charter company located at the Metropolitan Airport in Nashville, Tennessee.

At 4:30 a. m. FAA advised that the plane was still proceeding toward Jacksonville and although there was some indication of a low ceiling, the weather appeared to be such that a landing at Jacksonville would be permitted.

At 4:35 a. m. Duty Agent [ ] Jacksonville, advised that Agents of that Office were proceeding to the airport and that ASAC [ ] was expected to arrive at the airport momentarily.

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At 4:55 a. m. Jacksonville Office advised that they had learned that pilot of aircraft had requested approach and landing charts for the Bahama Islands and that overwater gear for 8 people be made available to the aircraft upon landing. Further, the pilot had requested that no one was to come closer than 300 yards to the aircraft except for the refueling employee and further requested 2 bottles of Chivas Regals 12-year-old scotch. Jacksonville advised that the ASAC was then at the airport on the scene. Inquiry was made of Jacksonville of any plan they had in connection with this matter and the hostage-type situation was pointed out to Duty Agent [ ]. He indicated that the ASAC and other Agents were at the airport and that they would "have to play it by ear" in view of the hostage situation.

At 5:00 a. m. Unit Chief [ ] was apprised of the developments and instructed that Section Chief [ ] be informed of same. Inspector [ ] was informed of the developments and instructed that No. 1 Man [ ] be apprised of the facts. This was done.

At 5:10 a. m. Memphis Office, SA [ ] informed that investigation at Nashville had determined the possible identity of George M. Giffe, Jr., 4501 Packard Road, Nashville, Tennessee, as one of the subjects and that the female was possibly his wife. It had also been determined that she had been forced into the airplane. Information developed at Memphis that Susan Giffe had been married to Giffe for three years and there had been extensive marital problems. George Giffe was allegedly a former professor at George Peabody College in Nashville. SA [ ] advised that this information had been telephoned to the Jacksonville Division.

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At 5:25 a.m. FAA Duty Officer [ ] advised that the plane had landed at Jacksonville at approximately 5:09 a.m. and at the direction of the tower had been directed to an isolated area of the Jacksonville Airport. It was at this time FAA indicated that the plane had radioed the tower a passenger on board had 12 1/2 pounds of plastic explosives. In addition, FAA stated that the pilot had been told that there was no fuel to be given to the plane and no air starter was available.

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At 5:35 a.m. SA [ ] Jacksonville Office, advised that he was in the tower at the airport and he had just learned that two individuals in the plane were believed dead and another one seriously injured. He then said it appears that passenger shot pilot and committed suicide. He was immediately asked if any Agents did any shooting and if there were any Bureau personnel hurt. He said "Negative, negative."

At 5:45 a.m. SA [ ] advised that the husband and wife team aboard appeared to have committed suicide and that the pilot was deceased. He indicated the co-pilot was alive and that another male on the plane was alive.

At 6:10 a.m. SA [ ] identified the deceased subject as George M. Giffe, Jr., date of birth 7/11/37, and his wife as Susan who was also deceased. He stated the pilot, (First Name Unknown) Downs, was also believed to be deceased.

At 6:15 a.m. Memphis Office advised that Brent Downs was a pilot for Big Brother Aircraft, Incorporated, Nashville, and that it had been determined that Giffe had scheduled the chartered plane on 10/3/71, and had paid \$417. It was further learned that Susan Giffe who was separated from George had worked at the King of the Road Motel in Nashville where she was picked up by George Giffe in a gold Cadillac and traveled to the airport. Further, an individual had called the airport to delay the flight indicating the party for Atlanta was running late. Memphis also advised that the co-pilot's name was [ ]. The Jacksonville Office subsequently advised the other male on board was [ ]. Inspector [ ] and Inspector [ ] of the Crime Records Division were apprised of the details in this matter.

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RE: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED)

At 6:55 a.m. a call was placed to the Jacksonville Office in order to reach an Agent at the scene who could furnish details concerning this matter. The Jacksonville Duty Agent, [ ] advised that at the time ASAC [ ] was on the telephone with the SAC and he would have him call from the airport. ASAC [ ] subsequently telephoned the Bureau and furnished the following information concerning captioned matter:

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The plane had landed at 5:09 a.m. and was shunted to a private area of the airport and at FBI instructions, the tower told the pilot that no fuel and air starter were available. He advised that he observed after the plane had come to a stop a man running from the aircraft. ASAC [ ] stopped this individual and determined that he was Co-Pilot [ ] who stated that the passengers on the plane wanted to go to the Bahamas. A short time later another individual jumped out of the plane and he was determined to be subject [ ] ASAC [ ] stated he then ordered an Agent to shoot the tires. He, [ ] personally shot the tires on one side of the airplane and ordered an Agent with a rifle to shoot the right engine of the plane which was still operative. He advised that he heard what was believed to be five shots fired inside the plane, two of which came through the front window and one narrowly missing him. He stated that upon looking in the plane, he found Giffe and Susan deceased and the pilot had been shot in the back.

ASAC [ ] advised that the Duval County Sheriff's Office was present and that an ambulance had taken one occupant of the plane to the hospital who was pronounced dead on arrival. He advised that at the time they were awaiting the coroner from Duval County as Florida law did not permit the removal of the bodies until the coroner released same. ASAC [ ] stated that he was also awaiting the arrival of explosive experts from the military as he, [ ] had removed from the plane a package which was alleged to be an explosive device and had set this in an isolated area.

[ ] instructed ASAC [ ] to insure that Agents were on the scene at the autopsy and to stay with the bodies until the autopsy was completed. He was instructed to make certain that all evidence is protected, including the aircraft, and further to insure sufficient personnel is assigned to handle these assignments.

ACTION: For information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Dalbey	✓
Mr. Cleveland	✓
Mr. Ponder	✓
Mr. Roper	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Soyars	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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6:50 PM NITEL 10-4-71 ALH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]; MRS.  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA SUSAN GIFFE NEE LAKICH DASH VICTIM (DECEASED);  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT DASH HIJACKING, KIDNAPING.

REFERENCE Teletype *per 20*  
RE JACKSONVILLE TEL, THIS DATE.

DECISION MADE TO DISABLE AIRCRAFT OCCUPIED BY CAPTIONED

INDIVIDUALS, BASED PRIMARILY UPON FOLLOWING FACTORS:

Special Agent Federal Aviation Administration  
SA IN FAA CONTROL TOWER REPORTED TO ASAC [REDACTED] THAT

PILOT SAID HE HAD LOW SUPPLY OF FUEL ABOARD AND WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH  
JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THIS STATEMENT INDICATIVE THAT  
DEPARTURE MAY WELL HAVE RESULTED IN WRECK OF AIRCRAFT. SUBJECT GIFFE  
HAD DEMANDED MAPS, LIFE RAFTS, FUEL FOR FLIGHT TO BAHAMAS, AS WELL AS  
TWO BOTTLES OF BEST SCOTCH. OF PRIME CONSIDERATION, WAS THAT BRIEF  
CONTACT AND INTERVIEW WITH CO-PILOT [REDACTED] AND THE SUBJECT,

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[REDACTED] INDICATED GIFFE, WHO WAS ARMED, APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY MENTALLY DISTURBED AND HAD BEEN DRINKING. WOMAN PASSENGER WAS AT TIMES HYSTERICAL BEFORE LOADING AND DURING FLIGHT.

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THUS, IT WAS FELT THAT BY DISABLING AIRCRAFT FURTHER FLIGHT WOULD BE PREVENTED AND POSSIBILITY EXISTED THAT SUBJECT GIFFE WOULD SURRENDER AS HE HAD LET BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OFF PLANE TO NEGOTIATE WITH AUTHORITIES, WHICH IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL IN EXPERIENCE OF OTHER HIJACKINGS.

THEREFORE, ORDERS GIVEN TO DISABLE AIRCRAFT WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO NO SHOTS IN PASSENGER OR PILOT AREA.

WITH AIRCRAFT IMMOBILIZED IT WAS FELT SUCCESSFUL APPREHENSION OF ADDITIONAL HIJACKER COULD BE EFFECTED.

SUBJECT [REDACTED] AFFORDED HEARING THIS DATE BEFORE U. S. MAGISTRATE, JACKSONVILLE, CHARGED WITH AIDING AND ABETTING AND HELD IN LIEU OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND.

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cc: Mr. Felt  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Ponder

October 1971  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case concerning the early AM, 10/4/71, hijacking of a chartered flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia. Flight diverted by hijackers to Jacksonville, Florida, where subject Giffe shot and killed the pilot, his wife, and himself. Subject's Cadillac located at Nashville Airport reveals numerous letters indicating Giffe planned to kill his wife and commit suicide. FBI Agents in Nashville, with written consent from subject's father, searched Giffe's apartment and located a receipt dated 10/3/71, revealing that subject Giffe made \$200 down payment for chartered plane to Atlanta. Agents also found receipt from a Nashville gun dealer showing Giffe was paid \$100 on 10/1/71, for several guns.

Attached states decision for FBI Jacksonville to disable victim aircraft was based upon pilot's report of low fuel supply and pilot's unfamiliarity with Jacksonville airport which indicated that plane's departure could have resulted in a crash. Also fact that Giffe who was armed and mentally disturbed had been drinking. With aircraft immobilized, FBI Jacksonville felt a successful apprehension of hijacker could be effected.

Vigorous investigation continuing.

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5:35 PM NITEL 10-5-71 ALH  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM JACKSONVILLE (67-4) 2P

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Miller, ES	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Dalbey	
Mr. Cleveland	
Mr. P. J. R.	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Walters	
Mr. Soyars	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	b6
Miss Gandy	b7C

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED] MRS. GEORGE  
M. GIFFE, JR., ALSO KNOWN AS & AKA SUSAN GIFFE NEE LAKICH DASH VICTIM (DECEASED);  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT DASH HIJACKING, KIDNAPING.

Reference October per 20 + 23  
REMY TELETYPES OCT. FOUR, LAST.

I HAVE REVIEWED THE SERIES OF EVENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS  
MATTER WHICH PREVENTED THE HIJACKING OF THIS PRIVATE PLANE TO THE  
BAHAMAS AND I FEEL THAT THE ACTION OF THE AGENTS UNDER THE PERSONAL  
DIRECTION OF ASAC [REDACTED] WAS IN THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF  
THE BUREAU AND IS WORTHY OF COMMENDATION.

Special Agent [REDACTED] WHO HAS LIAISON WITH OFFICIALS AT  
JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WAS IN THE CONTROL TOWER AND WAS  
DIRECTING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE TOWER AND THE AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS  
THE BUREAU AUTOMOBILES AT THE SCENE. HE HANDLED HIS ASSIGNMENT WITH  
DISPATCH, WAS VERY EFFECTIVE IN HIS RAPPORT WITH FAA OFFICIALS, AND

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Mr Rosen For The Director

WAS VERY DETAILED IN RELAYING INFORMATION OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE BUREAU VEHICLES.

SA [ ] A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR, WHEN GIVEN ORDERS TO DISABLE THE RIGHT ENGINE, WAS TRUE AND ACCURATE WITH TWO RIFLE SLUGS WHICH IMMOBILIZED THE AIRCRAFT. HIS EXPERTISE IS WORTHY OF COMMENDATION. b6 b7c

SA [ ] SHOT OUT THE RIGHT TIRES OF THE PLANE SUCCESSFULLY, AND ALONG WITH ASAC [ ] AFFECTED THE ARREST OF [ ] WITHOUT INCIDENT EVEN THOUGH [ ] WAS ARMED WITH A COCKED PISTOL. HIS EFFORTS ARE CERTAINLY WORTHY OF COMMENDATION.

SA [ ] WAS WITH SA [ ] AND IN A STRATEGIC POSITION TO PREVENT MOVEMENT OF THE AIRPLANE PRIOR TO IMMOBILIZATION BY OTHER AGENTS. HE WAS ALSO IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE BACKUP FIRE POWER IF NECESSARY. HIS EFFECTIVE DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTIES AND ASSIGNMENTS ARE WORTHY OF COMMENDATION.

THIS MATTER WAS UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF ASAC [ ] AND HIS HANDLING OF THE MATTER REFLECTS A WELL PLANNED COURSE OF ACTION AND DECISIONS WHICH WERE ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY REQUIRED. HIS STRATEGIC PLACING OF THE AGENTS UNDER HIS SUPERVISION AND HIS OVERALL COORDINATION AND EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION ARE WORTHY OF COMMENDATION.

I RECOMMEND THAT A GENERAL LETTER BE DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE TO BE PLACED IN THE FILES OF ADDITIONAL AGENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE OVERALL INVESTIGATION AND HANDLING OF THIS MATTER.

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END cc: Mr. Mohr cc: Mr. Callahan cc: Mr. Felt cc: Mr. Bishop

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LRS FBI WASHDC CLR

*cc - Mr Bates*

October 6, 1971  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

SUMMARY

This concerns the hijacking of a chartered small twin-engine plane from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on 10/4/71 where subject Giffe shot and killed the pilot, his (Giffe's) wife, and himself. Subject [ ] has been charged with Federal kidnaping violation and remains in custody in lieu of \$100,000 bond. b6 b7C

Attached relates to SAC, Jacksonville's review of the series of events in connection with this matter which prevented the hijacked plane to continue to the Bahamas.

SAC, Jacksonville points out the action of the Agents under the personal direction of ASAC [ ] was in the highest traditions of the Bureau and is worthy of commendation.

By separate communication 10/5/71, Memphis advised that a former U. S. Attorney at Nashville, Tennessee, stated he intended to file a suit under the Federal Court Claims Act against the FBI seeking \$100,000 damage possibly on behalf of Big Brothers Aircraft, Inc., owners of the hijacked plane and the parents of Mrs. George M. Giffe, Jr., (deceased).

In view of this it is recommended that commendation for personnel of the Jacksonville Office be held in abeyance at this time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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10:37 PM NITEL 10-5-71 DMB OCT 5 1971

TO DIRECTOR

TELETYPE

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM MEMPHIS (164-76)

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED); [REDACTED]  
MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., ALSO KNOWN AS Crime Aboard Aircraft  
AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED); CAA -  
HIJACKING, KIDNAPPING.

Reference Memphis teletype ✓  
RE ME TEL TO BU, ET AL, TEN-FIVE-INSTANT.  
U. S. ATTORNEY Middle District of Tennessee  
USA CHARLES H. ANDERSON MDT NASHVILLE, TENN.,

ADVISED PM TEN-FIVE-INSTANT, THAT [REDACTED]  
ATTORNEY, NASHVILLE, TENN., (FORMER USA MDT NASHVILLE) CONTACTED  
HIM. [REDACTED] INTENDS TO FILE SUIT UNDER FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS.  
ACT FOR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AGAINST THE FBI POSSIBLY ON  
BEHALF OF BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC., NASHVILLE AND PARENTS OF  
VICTIM MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED).

[REDACTED] ADVISED ANDERSON HE IS FILING A MANDATORY IN-  
JUNCTION BEFORE USDC JUDGE FRANK GRAY, JR., MDT, NASHVILLE,  
THIS PM REQUIRING FAA PRODUCE ALL PERTINENT TAPES WITH  
REFERENCE TO FLIGHT FROM NASHVILLE, TENN., TO JACKSONVILLE,  
FLORIDA, IN USDC NASHVILLE.

USA OF OPINION JUDGE GRAY TO TAKE NO ACTION THIS PM  
AND WILL PROBABLY SET MATTER FOR HEARING IN NEAR FUTURE.  
P. END.

HOLD FOR ONE cc: Mr. Mohr, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Galt,  
TMT FBI OCT 20 1971, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Dalbey, Mr. Roly

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Felt ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Sullivan ✓  
Mr. Tavel ✓  
Mr. Trotter ✓  
Mr. Tele. Rm. ✓  
Mr. Holmes ✓  
Mr. Gandy ✓  
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
SUMMARY

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This is the case involving the early a. m. 10/4/71 hijacking of a chartered flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia, Flight diverted to Jacksonville, Florida, where subject Giffe shot and killed the pilot, his wife, and himself.

Attached states that U.S. Attorney (USA), Nashville, Tennessee, advised our Memphis Office that Nashville, Tennessee, attorney [redacted] (a former USA at Nashville) states he intends to file suit under Federal Tort Claims Act against FBI seeking \$100,000 damage possibly on behalf of Big Brothers Aircraft, Inc. (owner of damaged plane) and parents of Mrs. George M. Giffe, Jr. (deceased). [redacted] stated he is filing a mandatory injunction in Federal Court, Nashville, requiring Federal Aviation Administration to produce all pertinent tapes regarding this incident in U.S. District Court, Nashville.

Memphis has been advised to keep the Bureau immediately informed of all developments concerning this matter. Department being advised.

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12:45 PM IMMEDIATE 10-6-71 SDC

TO DIRECTOR

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JACKSONVILLE -164-103

FROM MEMPHIS 164-76 5P

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Miller, ES  
Mr. Callahan  
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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED] MRS.  
ALSO KNOWN AS CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED); SAA - HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPING.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED BY USDS FRANK GRAY, JR.,  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, THIS DATE IN CIVIL ACTION NUMBER SIX THREE  
TWO TWO STYLED BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC. VS JOHN A. VOLPE, SECRE-  
TARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA; THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, AN AGENCY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND  
ITS ADMINISTRATOR, JOHN SCHAFER; AND J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AN AGENCY OF THE DEPART-  
MENT OF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ORDER BASED ON  
COMPLAINT FILED IN NASHVILLE TWELVE ZERO SEVEN AM THIS DATE BY [REDACTED]

ATTORNEYS [REDACTED] STATING JURIS-

DICTION BASED ON TWENTY EIGHT USC SECTION ONE SIX FIVE ONE AND (Jurisdiction Of Court to Issue Writ)

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(Venue in Civil Actions)

VENUE BASED ON TWENTY EIGHT-~~USC~~ SECTION ONE THREE NINE ONE (E).

RESTRAINING ORDER STATES "THAT THE DEFENDANTS, AND EACH OF THEM, THEIR AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEYS AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THEM, BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY TEMPORARILY RESTRAINED FROM TAMPERING WITH, ALTERING, ERASING, DEFACING, SPLICING, OR OTHERWISE PHYSICALLY IMPAIRING THE ORIGINAL CONDITION OF ANY AND ALL RECORDINGS OF ANY AND ALL CONVERSATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ANY PERSONS AND OCCUPANTS OF THE AIRCRAFT DESIGNATED AS COMMANDER NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT N IN FLIGHT AND EN ROUTE FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, VIA ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, INCLUSIVE OF THE POINT OF THE DEPARTURE AND THE POINT OF DESTINATION ON OR AROUND OCTOBER FOUR NINETEEN SEVENTYONE OR WITHIN ANY TWENTY FOUR HOURS PRECEDING OR SUCCEEDING SAID DATE, OR FROM ATTEMPTING TO DO SO; AND FURTHER FROM PERMITTING ANY PERSONS OR PERSONS TO HAVE CONTROL AND POSSESSION THEREOF OR ACCESS THERETO OTHER THAN IN THE PRESENCE

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OF A CUSTODIAN DESIGNATED AND AUTHORIZED BY THE HEAD OF THE DEFENDANT DEPARTMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF SAID RECORDINGS IN THEIR ORIGINAL FORM AND CONDITION", THIS ORDER REMAINING IN EFFECT UNTIL ELEVEN AM OCTOBER EIGHT NEXT, AT WHICH TIME THE COURT WILL HEAR MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AS REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

~~U.S. ATTORNEY~~

~~USA~~, NASHVILLE, FOR PURPOSE OF ANSWERING SHOW CAUSE HEARING OCT. EIGHT NEXT, DESIRES TO KNOW IF ANY OF ORIGINAL TAPES OF ~~FAA~~ TOWERS AT CHATTANOOGA, ATLANTA, AND JACKSONVILLE ARE IN BUREAU POSSESSION OR IF STILL MAINTAINED BY FAA.

*Federal Aviation Administration*

AT TEN TWENTY SEVEN AM INSTANT DATE ATTORNEY

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REPRESENTING BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT AND THE WIFE OF DECEASED AIRCRAFT PILOT, BRENT QUINT DOWNS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NASHVILLE *Resident Agency* RA AND STATED THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO MODERATE SOME OF THE STATEMENTS

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MADE CONCERNING INSTANT ACTION AND STATED THAT [ ] HAS ONLY THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE FBI AND THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO COOPERATE CONCERNING INFORMATION IN INSTANT MATTER. [ ] STATED THAT THERE IS A HEARING CONCERNING THE COURT ORDERED PROCURING OF THE FAA TAPES BETWEEN THE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT, THE FAA, AND THE FBI. HE STATED THAT SAID HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR ELEVEN AM ON OCTOBER EIGHT NEXT IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JUDGE FRANK GRAY, JR. [ ] MADE TWO SPECIFIC REQUESTS: ONE. ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO AUTOPSIES PERFORMED ON SUBJECT AND VICTIMS. [ ] STATES HE UNDERSTAND NO POWDER BURNS WERE FOUND ON SUBJECTS. TWO. ALL INFORMATION REGARDING TO THE TAPED CONVERSATION WITH THE AIRCRAFT AND ESPECIALLY THOSE CONVERSATIONS EMANATING FROM THE JACKSONVILLE CONTROL TOWER AFTER THE PLANE HAD LANDED. [ ] WAS ADVISED THAT ANY AUTOPSIES PERFORMED WERE PERFORMED BY THE CORONER DUVAL COUNTY, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AND ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE AUTOPSIES SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM THAT AGENCY. HE WAS FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TAPES REQUESTED

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BY HIM WERE INCLUDED IN THE RESTRAINING ORDER SIGNED BY JUDGE GRAY AND, THEREFORE, WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT, SUBSEQUENTLY THE FBI COULD NOT FURNISH ANY INFORMATION UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY THE COURTS.

ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE, AND JACKSONVILLE WILL ADVISE MEMPHIS OF LOCATION OF ORGINAL FAA TAPES AS REQUESTED BY USA, NASHVILLE. EXPEDITE.

THIS MATTER BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY AND THE BUREAU AND JACKSONVILLE WILL BE ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DETAILS. P. END.

October 6, 1971

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns the 10/4/71 hijacking of a chartered Big Brother Incorporated aircraft from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, where the hijacker shot and killed the pilot, his wife, and himself.

Attached advises U. S. District Judge, Nashville, Tennessee, issued a restraining order 10/6/71 against the Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration and the FBI restraining them from changing the condition of any and all recordings of conversations between any persons and occupants of the hijacked aircraft. Tape recordings of conversations between hijacked aircraft and Jacksonville authorities now in possession of FAA, Jacksonville, Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia.

A hearing regarding the FAA tapes is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. 10/8/71, U. S. District Court, Nashville, Tennessee. [redacted] Attorney, representing Big Brother Aircraft Inc., relatives of deceased aircraft pilot, and Mrs. George Giffe, contacted Nashville Resident Agency 10/6/71 and advised he was attempting to moderate, somewhat, statements made by [redacted] concerning action of FBI advising [redacted] has only highest regard for FBI. [redacted] further requested FBI present at impending 10/8/71 all information relating to autopsies on subject and victims and all information regarding tape conversations between aircraft and Jacksonville Control Tower. [redacted] was advised to contact Duval County Coroner, Jacksonville, Florida, for any information regarding autopsies and that FAA tape recordings now under jurisdiction of court. Department being advised.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns the hijacking of a chartered flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on 10/4/71, where subject Giffe shot and killed the pilot, his wife and himself. Civil suit has been brought against the FBI by the airline company and families of the subject's wife and pilot (both deceased). Attached discloses the Jacksonville Office is obtaining copies of the communication tapes made by the Federal Aviation Administration during the hijacking. Final autopsy reports are not yet available and the subject's body has not yet been released as additional examinations are being conducted concerning powder burns. Subject Giffe's father has given his permission to have the body examined by a Forensic Pathologist who has been hired by the plaintiffs in the civil suit. All bullets fired by subject Giffe and the weapons have been recovered and are retained by Jacksonville. Clothing of subject Giffe and his wife in possession of Jacksonville, however, pilot's clothing released with his body to his wife following the autopsy with the concurrence of the U.S. Attorney, Jacksonville. Mrs. Giffe's body also released to family following autopsy.

Memphis has been instructed to contact U. S. Attorney, Nashville, concerning civil suit to insure criminal prosecution at Jacksonville takes precedence to insure Government interests is protected.

Intensive investigation is continued.

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7:10 PM URGENT 10-6-71 ALH

TO DIRECTOR

ATLANTA

MEMPHIS (164-76)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED);   MRS.    
ALSO KNOWN AS CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA DASH VICTIM, (DECEASED); GAA DASH HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPING.

Federal Aviation Administration U. S. ATTORNEY  
CONFERENCE WITH FAA, JACKSONVILLE AND USA, JACKSONVILLE THIS DATE

RESULTED IN PERMISSION FOR FBI TO MAKE A COPY OF ORIGINAL TAPES NOW  
UNDER RESTRAINING ORDER AT JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS WELL  
AS FAA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL INSTALLATION, HILLIARD, Florida.  
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JACKSONVILLE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH DUVAL MEDICAL CENTER  
MORGUE FOR RETENTION OF CLOTHING WORN BY SUSAN GIFFE AND SUBJECT  
GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. SUSAN GIFFE'S BODY HAS BEEN RELEASED  
TO FAMILY AT NASHVILLE AND AS OF THIS DATE NO ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR  
DISPOSITION OF SUBJECT GIFFE'S BODY. BODY WILL NOT BE RELEASED  
UNTIL RESULTS OF MICRO AND GROSS AUTOPSIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

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DR. CARL WELLS, MEDICAL EXAMINER, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA, SENT PORTION OF SCALP TO TALLAHASSEE FOR EXAMINATION REGARDING POWDER BURNS AS APPARENTLY NONE READILY DISCERNIBLE WHEN INITIAL AUTOPSY MADE. NO FINAL AUTOPSY REPORTS PREPARED BY MEDICAL EXAMINER AS YET.

ATLANTA WILL CONTACT CHIEF, ATLANTA AIR ROUTE CONTROL CENTER AND SECURE COPIES OF PERTINENT TAPES INVOLVING THE HANDLING OF HAWK COMMANDER AIRCRAFT NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT N THROUGH ATLANTA REGIONAL AIR SPACE DURING MORNING OF OCTOBER FOUR LAST.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE WILL OBTAIN COPIES OF ALL TAPED TRANSMISSIONS BETWEEN FAA FACILITIES THAT AREA AND ABOVE IDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT DURING MORNING OF OCTOBER FOUR LAST.

WILL CONTACT USA, NASHVILLE WITH REGARD TO PRECEDENCE OF CRIMINAL MATTER PENDING IN JACKSONVILLE OVER SUBSEQUENT CIVIL ACTION AND WILL INSURE GOVERNMENT INTERESTS PROTECTED.

ALL BULLETS FIRED BY GIFFE RECOVERED OR ACCOUNTED FOR AS WELL AS WEAPON USED BY GIFFE AND THAT IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT  BULLETS AND WEAPONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION.

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ALL ASPECTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION BEING GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND PREFERRED ATTENTION.

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CALLER: *(JHL)*  
By *(JHL)* Time 735 PM  
JHW FBI WASH DC

cc: Mr. Conrad

*cc: Mr. Bates*

October 6, 1971

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case concerning the 10/4/71 hijacking of a chartered flight originating in Nashville, Tennessee, which was diverted to Jacksonville, Florida, where subject Giffe shot and killed the pilot, his wife, and himself. Attached discloses a U. S. District Judge in Tennessee has issued an order impounding the airport tower tape recordings made in Jacksonville, Florida. This order by the Judge is pursuant to a proceeding filed by Nashville attorneys, wherein the Bureau is being sued \$100,000 by Big Brothers Aircraft Incorporated and by the parents of Mrs. George M. Giffe, Jr., deceased victim.

We are attempting to obtain verbatim copies of the information contained in these tapes.

Attached also indicates Senator Howard Baker (Republican - Tennessee) has issued a statement indicating he has asked the FBI and FAA to provide him with their reports on this case. No such request has been received at this time.

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FROM MEMPHIS 164-76 2P

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Mr. Callahan  
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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED] MRS.  
ALSO KNOWN AS CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED); CAA - HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPING.

RE MEMPHIS NITEL TO BUREAU OCTOBER FIVE LAST.

U. S. ATTORNEY

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

THIS AM USA CHARLES H. ANDERSON, MDT, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,

ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY MIDNIGHT LAST U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

FRANK GRAY, JR., MDT, PURSUANT TO ORDER FILED BY NASHVILLE

ATTORNEYS [REDACTED] ISSUED AN ORDER  
IMPOUNDING TAPE RECORDING MADE IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, OCTOBER  
FOUR, LAST OF RADIO CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN PILOT OF HIJACKED PLANE  
AND AUTHORITIES AT JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT.

[REDACTED] REPRESENT [REDACTED]

OF BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT, INC., OWNER OF THE PLANE UTILIZED IN  
HIJACKING. USA ANDERSON WILL ACCEPT SERVICE OF THIS ORDER.

TH NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN MORNING ISSUE THIS DATE AT NASHVILLE

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INDICATES SENATOR HOWARD BAKER, R-TENNESSEE, SAID LAST NIGHT IN WASHINGTON HE ASKED FBI AND FAA OFFICIALS TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THEIR REPORTS ON THE CASE.

MEMPHIS WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BUREAU OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LEGAL ACTIONS IN THIS CASE. P. END.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

On 10/4/71, subject Giffe shot and killed a chartered plane pilot, (Giffe's) his wife, and himself in Jacksonville, Florida, after he had hijacked the plane from Nashville, Tennessee, with subject [REDACTED]

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Attached discloses information from signed statement of copilot, [REDACTED] concerning the sequence of events in the hijacking. He indicates the subjects struggled with Giffe's wife before entering the plane and that [REDACTED] who has been charged with Federal Kidnaping violation, related Giffe's instructions during the flight. Pilot and copilot realized they had 1 1/2 hour fuel remaining at Jacksonville and both felt could fly to Freeport but purposely did not indicate this to Giffe. After plane arrived at Jacksonville, subjects ordered the plane to take off but pilot and copilot told them they could not and falsely indicated they had only 30 minutes of fuel remaining. When copilot left the plane Giffe was holding a metal box in his lap saying words indicating he would blow up the airplane. Copilot felt ~~that~~ he might be shot in the back as he left the plane. [REDACTED] is unable to recall the actual sequence of events concerning the shooting.

Signed statement also obtained from charter airlines employee who observed subject [REDACTED] attempting to restrain Mrs. Giffe while they were still in the automobile at the airport before the plane departed Nashville. This employee saw both subjects pull guns and then subject Giffe ordered pilots into airplane.

Intensive investigation continuing.

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9:18PM NITEL 10-7-71 DBC

TO: DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM: MEMPHIS (164-76) 4P

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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

ALSO KNOWN AS

[REDACTED] MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED);  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT OFFICE OF ORIGIN  
CAA - HIJACKING : KIDNAPING (OO: JACKSONVILLE)

THIS DATE, DETAILED SIGNED STATEMENT RECEIVED FROM

[REDACTED] AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, BY BUREAU  
AGENTS. [REDACTED] CO-PILOT OF HIJACKED PLANE, GAVE FULL

ACCOUNT OF ALL DETAILS, AS REQUESTED BY BUREAU, AND IN SUMMARY  
SAID VICTIM STRUGGLED PRIOR TO ENTRY ON PLANE, BUT REMAINED  
IN A DAZE OR IN SHOCK DURING ENTIRE FLIGHT. BOTH SUBJECTS  
CARRIED WEAPONS AND [REDACTED] ACTED AS INTERMEDIARY FOR GIFFE,  
RELAYING INSTRUCTIONS WHEN GIVEN.

[REDACTED] TOLD SUBJECTS HE HAD SUFFICIENT FUEL TO REACH  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA WITH THIRTY MINUTES RESERVE REMAINING;  
HOWEVER, DOWNS AND HIMSELF KNEW THAT THEY WOULD HAVE APPROXI-  
MATELY ONE AND ONEHALF HOURS OF FUEL RESERVE LEFT AFTER

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REACHING JACKSONVILLE. TOWARDS END OF FLIGHT SUBJECTS WERE ADVISED THAT AUTHORITIES WERE AWARE OF SITUATION ON PLANE. SUBJECTS REQUESTED POSSIBLE DESTINATION OF JAMAICA, BUT BEFORE ARRIVAL IN JACKSONVILLE, DOWNS SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE OF FREEPORT, BAHAMAS, BUT MUST REFUEL AT JACKSONVILLE. [REDACTED] SAID HE AND DOWNS WERE OF OPINION THEY COULD HAVE REACHED FREEPORT WITH LITTLE OR NO FUEL REMAINING, BUT PURPOSELY DID NOT SUGGEST THIS TO THEM FOR FEAR SUBJECT WOULD RISK THE FLIGHT WITHOUT REFUELING. UPON ARRIVAL AT JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, GIFFE PULLED ALL CURTAINS INSIDE AIRPLANE IN REAR OF AIRCRAFT AND PULLED CURTAIN SEPARATING FRONT PORTION AND REAR PORTION OF AIRPLANE.

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AFTER ARRIVAL THEY WERE ORDERED TO TAKE OFF BY SUBJECTS, BUT PILOT DOWNS AND HIMSELF TOLD SUBJECT THEY COULD NOT TAKE OFF FROM THE POSITION THEY WERE IN AND ALSO HAD ONLY THIRTY MINUTES FUEL REMAINING. UPON ARRIVAL, [REDACTED] FOR FIRST TIME APPEARED EXTREMELY NERVOUS AND PERSPIRED PROFUSELY. [REDACTED] UNDER IMPRESSION [REDACTED] DID NOT WANT AIRPLANE TO LEAVE JACKSONVILLE WITH LOW FUEL, EVEN THOUGH GIFFE WANTED TO LEAVE.

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[ ] STATED HE OFFERED TO LEAVE AIRPLANE AND REQUEST FUEL AND DOWNS SAID HE WOULD GO TALK TO FBI FOR MORE FUEL, BUT [ ] TAPPED DOWNS WITH HIS FINGER OR GUN ON DOWNS' RIGHT SHOULDER AND TOLD HIM TO REMAIN ON AIRPLANE. PRIOR TO DEPARTING AIRPLANE [ ] OBSERVED GIFFE HOLDING METAL BOX IN HIS LAP, SAYING SOMETHING TO EFFECT HE WOULD BLOW UP AIRPLANE. AS [ ] DEPARTED AIRPLANE HE SAID "PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL I'VE TALKED WITH THE FBI", AND AS HE DEPARTED FELT HE MIGHT BE SHOT IN THE BACK. [ ] UNABLE TO RECALL EXACT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, BUT HEARD GUNSHOTS AS MAN APPARENTLY SHOT TWO MAIN TIRES ON AIRPLANE AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER A THIRD SHOT WAS FIRED THROUGH RIGHT ENGINE. THESE ARE ONLY SHOTS THAT [ ] HEARD DURING ENTIRE EVENTS AT JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT.

RIGHT ENGINE OF AIRPLANE QUIT RUNNING SHORTLY AFTER IT WAS SHOT AND PROPELLER WENT TO FEATHER POSITION. [ ] OBSERVED [ ] LEAVE AIRCRAFT <sup>EITHER</sup> ~~XXXXX~~ BEFORE GUN SHOTS OR AFTER GUN SHOTS.

ON OCTOBER SIX, LAST, DETAILED SIGNED STATEMENT OBTAINED  
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FROM [REDACTED] LINEMAN, BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT, INCOR-  
PORATED, NASHVILLE, AND OBSERVED [REDACTED] ATTEMPTING TO RESTRAIN  
VICTIM WHILE PARKED IN CADILLAC. [REDACTED] ALSO OBSERVED [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] PULL GUNS AT SAME TIME AND THEN GIFFE ORDERED PILOTS  
INTO AIRPLANE. VICTIM SCREAMED AND STRUGGLED AND WAS PHYSICALLY  
PLACED ON AIRPLANE.

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Federal Aviation Administration

THIS DATE, COPY OF EAA TAPES AT NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN  
AIRPORT AND MEMPHIS CENTER MADE AND TO BE MADE AVAILABLE LATE  
THIS P.M. OR EARLY A.M., NEXT. -P-

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**FBI**

Date: 10/7/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

SUBJ: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED):

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MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka-  
VICTIM (DECEASED)  
CAA-HIJACKING; KIDNAPING  
(OO: JK)

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination covering the basic facts of the captioned matter at Jacksonville, Florida, on 10/4/71.

One copy of LHM is being furnished the United States Attorney, Jacksonville.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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Jacksonville, Florida

October 7, 1971

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR.  
(DECEASED);

[REDACTED]  
MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.,  
ALSO KNOWN AS VICTIM  
(DECEASED)  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT;  
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At approximately 4:05 AM, on October 4, 1971, the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was advised by the Federal Aviation Administration Office at Jacksonville International Airport, that a private aircraft, a Hawk Commander 9058N, enroute from Nashville, Tennessee to Atlanta, Georgia, had been hijacked while in flight and was scheduled to land at Jacksonville International Airport for the purpose of refueling before allegedly departing for a continued flight to the Bahamas.

Based upon the receipt of the above information from the Federal Aviation Administration, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were immediately dispatched to Jacksonville International Airport with one Special Agent assigned to the Federal Aviation Administration control tower while other Agent personnel remained on the ground.

The aircraft, upon its arrival at approximately 5:10 AM, was directed by the Federal Aviation Administration Controller on duty in the tower to proceed to the AirKaman area which is the loading and refueling area for general aviation aircraft.

The aircraft was directed to an isolated area in the vicinity of the AirKaman facility and made a 180 degree turn stopping with both engines still in operation.

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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

[REDACTED]  
MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., ALSO KNOWN AS  
VICTIM (DECEASED)  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT; KIDNAPING

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At this time, the Special Agent assigned to the airport control tower established communication with the pilot of the aircraft and requested that the pilot stop his engines. The pilot of the aircraft did not stop his engines and made a request for fuel for the aircraft but was advised that no fuel or engine starter was available and a demand was made for the surrender of the individuals responsible for the hijacking of the aircraft.

The surveillance of the aircraft was continued by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for approximately five minutes, at which time it was observed that the pilot stopped his left engine and an individual was seen to depart from the plane. This individual, identified as [REDACTED] the co-pilot of the aircraft, advised that two men and one woman in addition to the pilot was still aboard the aircraft and one of the men had a gun. [REDACTED] stated at this time that he did not want to reboard the aircraft.

Approximately three to five minutes later, an unidentified figure was seen to emerge from the aircraft and was identified as [REDACTED] white, male, age 42. [REDACTED] was immediately taken into custody by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was found to be armed with a cocked Belgian automatic.

The Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the airport control tower, advised the pilot that neither [REDACTED] nor the co-pilot would reboard the aircraft and again called for the surrender of the hijacker.

A decision was made at this time to disable the aircraft inasmuch as information had been received from the pilot that he had only thirty minutes of fuel left aboard the aircraft and his departure may well have resulted in a wreck of this aircraft. It was further felt that by disabling the aircraft, the possibility existed that the

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hijacker would surrender as he had allowed the co-pilot and [ ] to depart from the aircraft which was a highly unusual experience in view of prior hijackings.

The left and right tires of the aircraft were then disabled by gun fire and the right engine which was still active, was disabled by two rifle shots fired by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No shots were fired in the vicinity of the pilot or passenger compartment of the aircraft. As the right engine ceased operating, several shots were heard inside the aircraft.

The pilot was identified by the co-pilot as Brent Quinton Downs, 620 Pace Ferry Road, Nashville, Tennessee, a white male, age 29, date of birth February 26, 1942.

The large white male on the right rear side of the aircraft was identified as George Mallory Giffe, Jr., 4501 Packard Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, white, male, age 30, born July 11, 1936.

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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

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[REDACTED]  
MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., ALSO KNOWN AS  
VICTIM (DECEASED)  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT; KIDNAPING

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Rescue Squad, Duval County, Florida Fire Department, but was dead upon arrival at the Duval Medical Center, Jacksonville, Florida.

Giffe was armed when found with an empty Walther automatic pistol and an additional fully loaded clip of ammunition was found nearby his body in the aircraft.

On October 4, 1971, an Assistant United States Attorney, who was present at the airport scene, authorized the filing of a complaint charging [REDACTED] with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201 and 2 as an aider and abettor in the kidnaping of Mrs. Susan L. Giffe from Nashville, Tennessee to Jacksonville, Florida.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. *Bates*

FROM : R. J. *Gallagher*

SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);  
[REDACTED]  
SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED) - VICTIM  
BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED) - VICTIM  
[REDACTED]  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

DATE: October 8, 1971

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Bates  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. Felt  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Dalbey

Tolson *[initials]*  
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Miller, E.S. *[initials]*  
Callahan *[initials]*  
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Holmes *[initials]*  
Gandy *[initials]*

In connection with the Director's inquiry concerning the Bureau's policy regarding actions to be taken by Agents on the scene when a hijacked airplane is on the ground, FBI Handbook, Part III, Page 40a, sets forth: "No action should be taken to forcibly disable or board an aircraft without the express permission or request of the captain of the aircraft in question, as actions by outside forces without the prior knowledge and complete cooperation of the captain and his crew could result in total disaster."

The Handbook also states, "FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) is charged with the responsibility of taking whatever action is necessary when a hijacked aircraft is in flight." By agreement dated September 25, 1970, between the Departments of Justice and Transportation, it was decided the captain of a hijacked aircraft is in control and has complete authority over the aircraft from the moment when the power is applied for the purpose of takeoff until the moment the landing run ends. The provisions of the Hijacking Statute apply to private planes being used in interstate commerce for commercial purposes.

The events governing the action by the Jacksonville Office under the supervision of ASAC [REDACTED] in disabling the private chartered aircraft which had been hijacked on October 4, 1971, from Nashville, Tennessee, were based on the following factors:

The plane and the hostages were under the control of a maniac. Subject Giffe allegedly had a box with a bomb on board, a gun, had beaten up his wife, and had been drinking. The pilot had reported his fuel supply was low and he was unfamiliar with the Jacksonville Airport. The ASAC had to make a judgment as to the course of action to be taken operating within the rules. Based on the above factors, a decision was made to disable the plane without causing injury to its occupants. ASAC [REDACTED] reasoned that with the aircraft immobilized, it might be possible to successfully apprehend the hijacker.

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Memorandum to Mr. Bates  
Re: George M. Giffe, Jr. (Deceased)

In retrospect, it would appear ASAC [ ] reasoning was accurate since it was later determined that suicide notes had been found in subject Giffe's automobile at Nashville, Tennessee, indicating his intention to kill his wife and himself. Had the plane been refueled and taken off, the strong possibility exists that Giffe would have destroyed the plane and its occupants. In addition, if the plane had been refueled immediately upon its arrival at Jacksonville, the co-pilot and subject [ ] would not have been allowed off the plane to secure fuel. There is also every probability that Giffe would have killed two additional people on board, and the possibility exists that innocent people would have perished in the event the plane crashed. b6 b7C

ACTION: Recognizing that every situation involving aircraft hijacking cannot be covered in the Handbook, it is felt that the facts in this case should be furnished to the field. The need for the SAC and ASAC to exercise sound judgment will be pointed out, keeping in mind that the paramount consideration is the safety of the crew and passengers. This was the determining factor in this case which motivated ASAC [ ] actions and it was a calculated risk. If approved, the field will be so advised.

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We need a Thorough  
Re-assessment of our whole  
policy.

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I concur. Do  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Felt

DATE: 10/8/71

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR.  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING,  
KIDNAPING

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At 3:10 p.m., 10/8/71, [redacted] WLAC-TV, Nashville, Tennessee, telephoned my office and spoke to Bland. [redacted] said that he was interested in the tape recording made in Jacksonville, Florida, in connection with the captioned hijacking matter. [redacted] was advised that any inquiry concerning such a tape should be made of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and that the FBI would have no comments to make concerning tape made by FAA.

Subsequent to this call, Departmental Attorney [redacted] Criminal Division, advised the Bureau that the Legal Counsel's Office at FAA had indicated they had received a call from some TV News Director in Nashville, Tennessee, asking concerning the tape recording. The FAA Counsel said that the News Director had indicated the FBI had said they would have no objection to FAA turning over the tape to the news media. Departmental Attorney [redacted] was advised that this was not the case and that the FBI had made no statement that it had no objection to the release of the tape by FAA. Departmental Attorney [redacted] said that he would make it absolutely clear to the Legal Counsel's Office at FAA that the FBI had made no such statement and that the tape in this matter which was in the custody of FAA should not be released by them.

[redacted] WLAC-TV, Nashville, Tennessee, was recontacted at 3:50 p.m., 10/8/71, to determine if he had misquoted the FBI in this matter. [redacted] said that he had absolutely not told FAA that the FBI had no objection to the release of the tape but had merely said he had been in touch with the FBI and had been referred to FAA in connection with the tape.

- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. R. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
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T. E. Bishop to Mr. Felt Memo  
RE: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR.

said there certainly had been no misunderstanding in his mind and he was knowledgeable concerning the fact that there had been action taken in the U. S. District Court in Nashville today, and that the tape was in the possession of FAA.

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ACTION:

None. For information.

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October 9, 1971  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
Summary

This concerns the hijacking of chartered flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on 10-4-71, where subject Giffe shot and killed the pilot, his wife, and himself. Civil suit has been brought against the FBI by the airline company and families of the subject's wife and pilot, both deceased.

Subsequent to the filing of this civil suit, proceedings were initiated to obtain copies of the communication tapes made by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) during the hijacking.

Attached relates U.S. District Judge, Nashville, on 10-8-71, signed an order issuing instructions to FAA installations to preserve recording tapes of radio communications in connection with the air piracy and that such tapes are to be preserved in their original state and under exclusive FAA supervision.

U.S. Attorney (USA), Nashville, pointed out to the court that at no time did Agents of the FBI take control of or possession of original tapes and the few transcripts or copies of tapes in possession of the FBI were made under supervision of FAA personnel. No matters other than tapes were mentioned at the above hearing.

In a subsequent teletype, Memphis Office advised that USA, Nashville, has assured criminal matters pending in Jacksonville, Florida, will take precedence over any subsequent civil action that may be filed and insure Government's interest protected.

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TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE

FROM MEMPHIS (120-263)

(2P)

*George Mallory Giffen*

[REDACTED] BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC.,  
Federal Tort Claims Act'  
NASHVILLE, TENN.; ~~FTCA~~

REFERENCE

Teletype

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL TO MEMPHIS AND OKLAHOMA CITY OCT. SIX,

LAST.

U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE

BY AGREEMENT OF PARTIES, ~~USA~~ FRANK GRAY, JR., NASHVILLE,  
Tennessee October U. S. ATTORNEY  
TENN., ON OCT. EIGHT, INSTANT, SIGNED AN ORDER WHEREIN USA,

CHARLES H. ANDERSON, NASHVILLE, REPRESENTED TO THE COURT THAT  
Federal Aviation Administration  
FAA HAS STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO FAA INSTALLATIONS TO PRESERVE  
RECORDING TAPES OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FAA CONTROL  
TOWERS AND AIRCRAFT SUBJECTED TO AIR PIRACY; THAT PRESERVATION  
OF SUCH TAPES PHYSICALLY INTACT IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION  
AND UNDER FAA EXCLUSIVE SUPERVISION, POSSESSION, AND CONTROL  
IS THE CUSTOM AND PRACTICE OF THE FAA. FURTHER, THAT THE USA  
HAD BEEN ASSURED BY THE AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
AND THE REGIONAL ATTORNEY (ATLANTA, <sup>Georgia</sup> GA.) OF THE FAA THAT IN  
RESPONSE TO THE ORDER OF THE COURT, SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO FAA  
INSTALLATIONS AT NASHVILLE, TENN.; MEMPHIS, TENN.; HAMPTON, GA.;

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HILLIARD, <sup>Florida</sup> FLA., AND JACKSONVILLE, FLA., APPARENTLY THE ONLY  
ONES IN RADIO CONTACT WITH SUBJECT AIRCRAFT.

FURTHERMORE, THE USA AT NASHVILLE REPRESENTED TO THE COURT  
THAT AT NO TIME DID AGENTS OF THE FBI TAKE CONTROL OF OR  
POSSESSION OF THE ORIGINAL TAPES AND THE FEW TRANSCRIPTS OR  
COPIES ~~OF~~ <sup>OF</sup> THE TAPES IN POSSESSION OF THE FBI WERE MADE BY AND  
UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF FAA PERSONNEL.

THE ORDER PROVIDES THAT THE PLAINTIFFS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS  
BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO HEAR, COPY, AND TRANSCRIBE THE ORIGINAL  
RECORDING TAPES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF FAA PERSONNEL AT THE  
INSTALLATIONS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY OR AT SOME CENTRAL LOCATION,  
IF THE DEFENDANTS COLLECT THE TRANSCRIPTIONS; FURTHER, THAT  
THE DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL MANAGERS OR CHIEFS  
OF THE AFOREMENTIONED INSTALLATIONS OR THEIR SUCCESSORS, SHALL  
PRESERVE THE SUBJECT TAPES IN THEIR ORIGINAL FORM, SUBJECT TO  
FURTHER ORDERS OF THE COURT.

NO MATTERS OTHER THAN TAPES WERE MENTIONED AT THE HEARING  
U. S. DISTRICT COURT  
IN ~~USDC~~, OCT. EIGHT, INSTANT, AND NO MENTION WAS MADE OF  
AUTOPSY REPORTS OR RELATED MATTERS. P.

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cc: Mr. Dalbey

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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PLAIN

8:45 PM

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10-9-71

TO

DIRECTOR

ATLANTA

OKLAHOMA CITY

MEMPHIS

FROM

JACKSONVILLE

(164-103) (P)

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.; AKA DASH VICTIM (DECEASED) CAA DASH  
HIJACKING; KIDNAPPING.

RE JKTEL TO OKLAHOMA CITY, OCTOBER SIX, LAST, JK AIRTEL TO  
BUREAU, OCTOBER SEVEN, LAST; BUREAU TELETYPE TO JK, OCTOBER NINE  
INSTANT AND BUTELCALLS TO JK, OCTOBER NINE INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, AUSA

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., ADVISES THAT SPECIAL GRAND JURY  
TO BE CALLED ON OCTOBER THIRTEEN, NEXT, IN JACKSONVILLE, FOR  
PRESENTATION OF AUSA

BELIEVES THAT IN VIEW OF

WILL BE MADE PART OF PRESENTATION TO FGJ.

REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE OF THIS DATE ADVISED THAT LATENT  
IMPRESSION OF FINGERPRINT OR PALM PRINT ON BROWNING PISTOL FIVE

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THREE SEVEN EIGHT FOUR, NOT IDENTICAL WITH PRINTS OF SIMILAR NAMED INDIVIDUALS OR THOSE OF PILOT BRENT QUINTON DOWNS.

ON OCTOBER SEVEN, LAST, MAJOR CASE PRINTS OF GIFFE, SUSAN GIFFE, BRENT QUINTON DOWNS, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALL FORWARDED TO BUREAU ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FOR RECORD CHECK.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE ABOVE SUBMITTED MAJOR CASE PRINTS WITH LATENT IMPRESSION ON BROWNING PISTOL FIVE THREE SEVEN EIGHT FOUR.

JACKSONVILLE HAS COMPLETED TRANSCRIPTION OF TAPED CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN JACKSONVILLE AIR ROUTE CONTROL CENTER, JACKSONVILLE CONTROL TOWER AND SUBJECT AIRCRAFT. COPIES OF FD THREE ZERO TWO TRANSCRIPTIONS TO BE HAND CARRIED TO BUREAU BY ASAC [REDACTED] ON OCTOBER ELEVEN, NEXT.

ATLANTA, WHO HAS ADVISED OF RECEIPT OF TAPES FROM ATLANTA AIR ROUTE CONTROL CENTER WILL TRANSCRIBE CONTENTS OF TAPES INTO FD THREE ZERO TWO'S AND WILL EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF TAPES AND TRANSCRIPTIONS TO JACKSONVILLE FOR INCLUSION IN JK REPORT WHICH IS BEING PREPARED.

OKLAHOMA CITY WILL EXPEDITE SECURING OF INFORMATION CONCERNING AIRCRAFT HAWK COMMANDER NOVEMBER NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT NOVEMBER AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED JK TELETYPE ON OCTOBER SIX, LAST.

THIS INVESTIGATION MUST RECEIVE TOP PRIORITY AND PREFERRED ATTENTION.

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RSP FBI WASH DC

CC: MR. WALTERS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

DATE: October 9, 1971

FROM : R. J. Gallagher

SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.,  
AND OTHERS  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

1 - Mr. Bates  
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1 - Mr. Gallagher  
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SAs  Jacksonville Office, were telephonically contacted this morning to determine the status of the transcripts of the air control tapes in connection with the hijacking on October 4, 1971, of the chartered plane owned by Big Brother Aircraft, Incorporated.

SA  advised that Jacksonville had made copies of a 40-minute tape recorded at the Jacksonville Airport and in addition had copies of the tapes from the Hilliard Air Control Tower. The Hilliard Air Control Tower is 25 miles northwest of Jacksonville. That tower recorded four reels. This tower picked up the plane after it left Atlanta en route to Jacksonville.

It was reiterated to SA  the absolute necessity of getting the transcripts of the tapes to the Bureau. He was told that he should have them immediately transcribed and forwarded by the most expeditious means; if necessary, to send them by plane. It was pointed out that ASAC  would be coming to Washington this weekend; and, if possible, he could bring the transcripts.

It was pointed out the urgency of obtaining the copy of the autopsy report. SA  stated that the doctor is still conducting examinations and Jacksonville is following this matter very closely and will let the Bureau know as soon as the results are available.

## ACTION:

For record purposes.

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8:31 PM NITEL 10-12-71 ALH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P) 7P

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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED); [REDACTED] MRS. [REDACTED]  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA DASH VICTIM (DECEASED); CAA DASH HIJACK-  
OFFICE OF ORIGIN  
ING; KIDNAPPING, OO: JACKSONVILLE.

REFERENCE

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO JACKSONVILLE THIS DATE.

THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION IS HEREBY FURNISHED CONCERNING THE CAPTIONED INCIDENT ON OCTOBER FOUR, LAST:

AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR FIFTY AM ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER FOUR

LAST SPECIAL AGENTS [REDACTED]

Federal Aviation Administration  
ARRIVED AT FAA CONTROL TOWER AT JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN

Bureau  
BUCAR. HAVING BEEN ADVISED BY THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE THAT ASAC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Special Agents  
HAD PRECEDED SAS [REDACTED] ARRIVAL AT THE  
AIRPORT SA [REDACTED] TURNED BUCAR OVER TO SA [REDACTED] INSTRUCTING HIM TO  
JOIN ASAC [REDACTED] IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRKAMAN GENERAL AVIATION  
AREA. SA [REDACTED] PROCEEDED TO FAA CONTROL TOWER WHERE HE IMMEDIATELY

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ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATIONS BY BUREAU RADIO BETWEEN THE CONTROL TOWER, THE OFFICE AND ASAC [ ] AND SA [ ] IN THE BUCAR AT THE AIR-  
PORT. ASAC [ ] WITH SA [ ] IN THE BUCAR PARKED IN THE  
SOUTHEAST CORNER AT THE END OF THE GENERAL AVIATION STRIP NUMBER ONE  
WITH THE FRONT OF THE BUCAR FACING NORTHWEST WITH THE LIGHTS EXTING-  
GUISHED. SA [ ] IN THE TOWER, ASAC [ ] AND SA [ ] IN THE  
BUCAR ON THE AIRSTRIP OBSERVED HAWK COMMANDER AIRCRAFT N NINE ZERO  
FIVE EIGHT N APPROACH THE SOUTHERN END OF THE GENERAL AVIATION STRIP.  
MAKING A ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DEGREE TURN FACING NORTH, SHUTTING  
OFF ALL LANDING LIGHTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND  
BEACON.

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SA [ ] IN THE TOWER WAS ADVISED BY ASAC [ ] THAT AS DELAY-  
ING TACTIC PILOT SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THERE WAS NO FUEL AND NO STARTER  
AVAILABLE. SA [ ] CONTACTED THE AIRCRAFT AND ADVISED THE PILOT  
TO SHUT DOWN THE ENGINES.

AT THIS TIME SAS [ ] ARRIVED  
IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRPORT REQUESTING INSTRUCTION FROM SA [ ]  
AS TO THEIR FINAL DESTINATION. SA [ ] INSTRUCTED AGENTS [ ]  
[ ] TO DRIVE TO A LOCATION SOUTH OF THE AIRKAMAN HANGAR WHICH  
INSTRUCTIONS WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY ASAC [ ] ADVISING THEM TO REMAIN  
IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOUTHERN END OF THE AIRKAMAN HANGAR. SAS  
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[ ] COULD OBSERVE THE SUBJECT AIRCRAFT FROM THIS POINT WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY TO THREE HUNDRED YARDS TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT.

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THE PILOT OF THE ABOVE CRAFT COMMUNICATED TO SA [ ] ALLEGING; THAT THE MAN ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT HAD TWELVE POINT FIVE POUNDS OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES AND THAT HE DID NOT WANT ANYONE NEAR THE AIRCRAFT. SA [ ] ACKNOWLEDGED THIS TRANSMISSION AND ASKED THE PILOT IF HIS ENGINES HAD BEEN CUT AND RECEIVED A NEGATIVE REPLY. THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EXPLOSIVES AND THE REQUEST OF THE PILOT WERE RELATED BY SA [ ] TO ASAC [ ] WHO AGAIN STATED THAT NO FUEL WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT WAS FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN ADDITION TO NO FUEL, NO STARTER WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF THE AIRCRAFT CUT ITS ENGINES. THE AIRCRAFT AGAIN RECONTACTED SA [ ] AND STATED THAT THE PILOT DID NOT THINK THE MAN ABOARD WAS KIDDING AND AGAIN REQUESTED THAT THE FUEL TRUCK BE PROVIDED. THIS INFORMATION RELATED TO ASAC [ ] AT WHICH TIME HE DIRECTED THAT THE PILOT SHOULD BE TOLD THAT THERE WAS NOT ANY FUEL. SA [ ] AGAIN RELAYED THIS MESSAGE TO THE AIRCRAFT AT WHICH TIME THE PILOT REPLIED THAT LIVES WERE BEING ENDANGERED AND HE HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO GO ALONG WITH THE MAN AND AGAIN REQUESTED FUEL. THIS MESSAGE WAS ALSO RELAYED TO ASAC [ ] AND [ ] INSTRUCTED THAT SA [ ] ASK THE PILOT WHERE THE SUBJECT WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AND WHAT WAS GOING ON INSIDE.

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SA [ ] RECONTACTED THE AIRCRAFT AND ASKED THE PILOT WHAT THE STATUS OF HIS PASSENGERS WAS TO WHICH HE REPLIED THAT THEY WERE ALL RIGHT AND SA [ ] ASKED IF THEY WERE MONITORING THE CONVERSATION TO WHICH HE MADE A POSITIVE REPLY. SA [ ] ASKED IF TWO PASSENGERS WERE ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT BUT NO REPLY WAS RECEIVED TO THIS QUESTION.

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SA [ ] ASKED THE PILOT WHAT HIS PRESENT FUEL STATUS WAS TO WHICH ~~HE~~ HE REPLIED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MINUTES WHICH INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO ASAC [ ] AT WHICH TIME ASAC [ ] DIRECTED THAT THE PILOT BE ADVISED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FUEL, NO STARTER AND HE COULD RUN HIS ENGINES OUT. THIS INFORMATION WAS FORWARDED TO THE PILOT OF THE AIRCRAFT BY SA [ ] AND IN ADDITION THE PASSENGERS WERE TOLD THAT THEY WERE TO DEPART THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD THEY BE LISTENING.

THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE ABOVE TRANSMITTED TO THE PILOT WERE RELAYED TO ASAC [ ] AT WHICH TIME [ ] STATED THAT THIS WAS A WAITING GAME AND NOBODY WAS TO MOVE UNTIL HE SO ORDERED.

AT THIS TIME SA [ ] OBSERVED FROM THE TOWER SOMEONE EXIT THE AIRCRAFT AND WALK TOWARDS THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT TOWARDS THE CAR WHERE ASAC [ ] AND SA [ ] WERE STATIONED. SA [ ] QUESTIONED THE PILOT AS TO WHO HAD DEPLANED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND HE REPLIED THAT IT WAS THE COPILOT WHICH INFORMATION WAS IMMEDIATELY COMMUNICATED TO ASAC [ ]

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ASAC [ ] AFTER A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME ADVISED SA [ ] THAT THE PILOT OF THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT HIS COPILOT WAS IN THE BUCAR AND WOULD NOT RETURN TO THE AIRCRAFT. THIS MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY SA [ ] TO THE AIRCRAFT ALTHOUGH NO REPLY WAS HEARD FROM THE PILOT NOR WERE THERE ANY FURTHER TRANSMISSIONS RECEIVED FROM THIS AIRCRAFT.

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AT THIS TIME SA [ ] WHO WAS ARMED WITH A THREE ZERO EIGHT RIFLE WITH SCOPE, LEFT THE BUCAR IN WHICH SA [ ] WAS STILL IN AND MOVED TO A CLOSER POSITION WHERE HE COULD BETTER OBSERVE THE AIRCRAFT IN THIS POSITION [ ] NOTED A LARGE MAN LATER IDENTIFIED AS [ ] AT THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT MOVING TOWARDS ASAC [ ] AND SA [ ] AT THIS TIME SA [ ] BELIEVES THAT HE HEARD TWO MUFFLED SHOTS WITHIN THE AIRCRAFT. SA [ ] GOT BACK INTO THE BUCAR, TOLD SA [ ] THAT HE HAD HEARD SHOTS AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ASAC [ ] DIRECTED AGENTS [ ] SHOULD MOVE TO A POINT IN FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT TO BLOCK ANY POSSIBLE EXIT.

ASAC [ ] INSTRUCTED SA [ ] TO SHOOT OUT THE TIRES OF THE AIRCRAFT ON THE RIGHT SIDE WHERE THE RIGHT ENGINE WAS STILL RUNNING. SA [ ] FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS AT THE TIRES AND RETURNED TO THE VICINITY OF WHERE THE SUBJECT [ ] SECOND MAN TO DEPART THE AIRCRAFT, WAS ON THE GROUND AND [ ] COVERED ASAC [ ] AS [ ] MOVED AROUND THE RIGHT AND FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT ANNOUNCING

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HIS IDENTITY AND THAT THE OCCUPANTS SHOULD LEAVE THE AIRCRAFT.

SA [ ] WHO BY THIS TIME WITH SA [ ] WERE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE FEET TO THE LEFT FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT OBSERVED A MAN SITTING; IN THE LEFT FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT SLIGHTLY TURNING HIS HEAD. AS ASAC [ ] CONTINUED TO APPROACH THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT FROM THE RIGHT FRONT SAS [ ] HEARD TWO SHOTS FROM WITHIN THE AIRCRAFT AND OBSERVED ASAC [ ] DUCK DOWN AND MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT, WHERE HE PROCEEDED TO SHOOT THE TIRES OUT AT THAT TIME.

ASAC [ ] MOVED AROUND THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT AND MET SA [ ] WHO APPROACHED FROM THE FRONT AND AT THIS TIME UPON INSTRUCTIONS OF ASAC [ ] SA [ ] FIRED TWO ROUNDS FROM THE THREE ZERO EIGHT RIFLE INTO THE RIGHT ENGINE CAUSING IT TO STOP.

SA [ ] AND ASAC [ ] THEN WALKED FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT AROUND THE FRONT TO THE LEFT SIDE DOOR AND AT WHICH TIME THEY BOTH TOLD SA [ ] TO MOVE THE BUREAU CAR DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT TO THE SLIGHTLY LEFT SIDE SO THAT THE HEADLIGHTS WOULD SHINE DIRECTLY INTO THE AIRCRAFT.

ASAC [ ] AND SA [ ] THEN OPENED THE DOOR OF THE AIRCRAFT AND OBSERVED THAT THE PILOT AND A MALE AND A FEMALE WERE SHOT WITHIN THE AIRCRAFT WITH ONLY ONE INDIVIDUAL, THE WHITE MALE PASSENGER, STILL BREATHING SLIGHTLY.

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ASAC  IMMEDIATELY ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO SUMMON AN  
AMBULANCE AND OTHER EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT.

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LRS FBI WASDC

cc: Mr. Bates

October 13, 1971

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
SUMMARY

Attached concerns hijacking of airplane from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, 10-4-71, where subject shot and killed the pilot, his wife, and himself.

In summary, attached indicates pilot, while in radio contact with tower, made two requests for fuel which were denied by ASAC [redacted]. Pilot also requested no one approach the aircraft. Two Bureau cars were parked in vicinity of aircraft--one, 250 to 300 yards away, and the other, 100 yards from the aircraft. Prior to receiving instructions from ASAC [redacted] to disable the aircraft, SA [redacted] believes he heard shots emanating from inside aircraft. Thereafter, instructions given to disable aircraft, and SA [redacted] shot tires out of aircraft on right side. After tires deflated, ASAC [redacted] proceeded toward plane and was then fired upon by subject from within aircraft. ASAC [redacted] then shot out left tires and instructed SA [redacted] to shoot into engine.

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In view of this supplemental data and considering pending prosecution and civil action against Bureau, it is recommended an Inspector from the Inspection Division immediately proceed to Jacksonville in order to determine the full and complete facts surrounding this incident.

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Ponder is in San Francisco but will return Friday. Suggest Inspector Wason Campbell (#1 Man) be designated. Inspector [redacted] will be here.

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LEAVING

6:50 P.M. 10/13

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7:57PM NITEL 10-13-71 DBC

TO: DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM: MEMPHIS (164-76) 1P

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED);

CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

RE MEMPHIS NITEL OCTOBER EIGHT LAST.

ATTORNEY FOR NASHVILLE,

TENNESSEE, ADVISED CLOTHING OF BRENT DOWNS WILL BE FURNISHED  
TO BUREAU AGENT OCTOBER FIFTEEN NEXT WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT  
SAME WILL BE RETURNED TO HIM FOLLOWING NECESSARY EXAMINATION.

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In connection with 10-4-71 hijacking of chartered plane flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, attached indicates Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville today returned true bill charging subject [redacted] with aiding and abetting, kidnapping, air piracy, threatening crew members, and carrying concealed weapon aboard aircraft. If convicted as charged, [redacted] could receive death penalty.

U.S. Attorney (USA) announcing indictment this afternoon and was previously contacted by representative of NBC requesting permission for television coverage of preliminary hearing for [redacted] which was scheduled for 10-14-71. In view of indictment, no preliminary hearing will be held. USA, Jacksonville, believed NBC intended television coverage as attempt to make "circus" out of preliminary hearing.

Jacksonville maintaining close liaison with USA's office for any pertinent developments.

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215 PM EDST IMMEDIATE 10-13-71 MHM

TO DIRECTOR

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MEMPHIS (164-76)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) 2P

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Tele. Room  
Mr. Holmes  
Miss Gandy  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Dalbey  
Mr. Cleveland  
Mr. Ponder  
Mr. Bates  
Mr. Walters  
Mr. Soyars  
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Miss Holmes  
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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED). -CAA - HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPING.

MRS.

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RE JACKSONVILLE TELCALLS TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

ON INSTANT DATE, TRUE BILL OF INDICTMENT RETURNED BY-FGJ,

FEDERAL GRAND JURY

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., CHARGING SUBJECT [REDACTED] WITH  
VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC, SECTION TWO, AIDING AND ABETTING;  
TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC, SECTION ONE TWO ZERO ONE, KIDNAPING; TITLE  
FOUR NINE, USC, SECTION ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO I, AIR PIRACY; TITLE  
FOUR NINE, USC, SECTION ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO J, THREATENING CREW  
MEMBERS; TITLE FOUR NINE, USC, SECTION ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, CARRYING  
A CONCEALED WEAPON ABOARD AIRCRAFT.

CONTACT WITH USA JOHN BRIGGS, THIS DATE, DETERMINED THAT USA  
ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRAND JURY INDICTMENT  
AGAINST [REDACTED] AT TIME OF SCHEDULED PRELIMINARY HEARING FOR [REDACTED]  
IN JACKSONVILLE ON OCT. FOURTEEN, NEXT; HOWEVER, USA BRIGGS

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cc: Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Dalbey  
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MR. ROSEN FOR THE DIRECTOR

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*NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY*  
CONTACTED BY ~~NBC~~ INQUIRING AS TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONWIDE TV  
COVERAGE AT TIME OF PRELIMINARY HEARING WITH ~~NBC~~ *NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY* ARRANGING FOR  
ARTISTS TO BE PRESENT AT HEARING AND EVENTS TO BE BROADCAST ~~ON~~ *NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY*  
NATIONWIDE. BRIGGS SAID HE DID NOT HAVE IDENTITY OF ~~NBC~~ OFFICIAL;  
HOWEVER, HE FELT THAT SUCH COVERAGE WAS ATTEMPT TO MAKE "CIRCUS"  
OUT OF PRELIMINARY HEARING. HE FURTHER ADVISED ATTORNEYS FOR SUBJECT

AWARE THAT PRELIMINARY HEARING NOT BEING HELD. THEREFORE,  
*NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY*  
HE CANNOT ATTRIBUTE SOURCE DIRECTING ~~NBC~~ PRESENCE AT JACKSONVILLE.

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*U. S. ATTORNEY*  
IN VIEW OF ABOVE, ~~USA~~ WILL MAKE PUBLIC RELEASE CONCERNING  
INDICTMENT AT TWO THIRTY PM, THIS DATE, AND HE EXPECTS NUMEROUS CON-  
TACTS AFTER SAME. HE WILL BE ALERT FOR RECONTACT BY ~~NBC~~ OFFICIAL  
*NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY*  
AND WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SAME.

*U. S. ATTORNEY*

CLOSE LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED WITH ~~USA'S~~ OFFICE, AND BUREAU  
WILL BE ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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*10/11/67*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

FROM : R. Gallagher

SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED) - VICTIM  
BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED) - VICTIM

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

Brent Quinton Downs

DATE: October 13, 1971

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Bates  
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1 - Mr. Gallagher  
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1 - Mr. Felt  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Dalbey

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This relates to recent aircraft hijacking on a chartered aircraft from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on 10/4/71. The conversations between the hijacked aircraft and the Jacksonville Control Center have been transcribed and pertinent portions of the transcript are set forth to show the pilot's specific requests and our responses. Conversations between the hijacked aircraft and Jacksonville Control Center were initiated approximately 0423 Eastern Standard Time and the last contact was received from the pilot at approximately 0524 Eastern Standard Time.

At 0437 a.m., the pilot advised he had an unusual situation aboard and requested upon landing to be furnished with flotation gear, charts and approach plates for Freeport. He emphasized he needed refueling and requested everyone stay away from the aircraft. At 0453 a.m., he asked if his request had been complied with and at 0456 a.m., he requested clearance around the plane be kept at 200 to 300 yards. At 0508 a.m., he advised he was on the ground and wanted to know if the fuel truck was there. He again requested the area around the aircraft be kept clear. At 0513 a.m., SA [redacted] Jacksonville Office, made first contact with the aircraft and issued instructions for the pilot to cut his engines. The pilot answered saying he would comply but the aircraft needed refueling and again requested everyone to stay away from the aircraft. He advised Jacksonville Control Center subject had approximately 12.5 pounds of plastic explosives and to please stay away from aircraft. FBI answered pilot advising him he would be provided with no fuel or starter for his engines. Pilot responded advising he did not think this fellow was kidding and requested the fuel truck be brought out to the airplane. At 0518 a.m. pilot was again

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Memorandum to Mr. Bates  
RE: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED)

advised there would be no fuel provided his aircraft and he responded saying, "You are endangering lives by doing this and we have no other choice but to go along and for the sake of some lives we request for some fuel out here please." Pilot was then asked for status of his passengers and amount of fuel aboard aircraft. Pilot responded that passengers were okay and were able to monitor his conversations with Jacksonville Control Center and that he had approximately 30 minutes of fuel. He was again advised by FBI representative that no fuel or starter for aircraft would be provided and to exit aircraft. At 0521 a.m., co-pilot deplaned and Jacksonville Control Center advised pilot at 0524 a.m. that the co-pilot would not be returning to the aircraft. Attempts were made to recontact the pilot of the aircraft from 0524 through 0539 a.m. without successful results.

Co-pilot [ ] furnished a signed statement b6  
to Bureau Agents at Memphis, Tennessee, on 10/7/71, advising that b7C  
he and pilot Brent Downs actually had approximately 1½ hours  
fuel reserve left after having reached Jacksonville and could have  
reached Freeport, Bahamas, with little or no fuel remaining but  
purposely did not suggest this to the hijacker for fear he would risk  
the flight without refueling. After arriving at the Jacksonville  
Airport and being directed to a remote portion of the airfield,  
subject Giffe ordered the pilots to take off from the position they  
were in but they refused informing Giffe that they had only 30  
minutes of fuel remaining. Upon arriving in Jacksonville, [ ]  
described subject [ ] as extremely nervous and he received the  
impression that [ ] did not want the airplane to leave  
Jacksonville with low fuel even though Giffe wanted to leave. [ ]  
advised he volunteered to leave the airplane and request fuel and  
Downs told Giffe he would talk to the FBI for more fuel, but [ ]  
tapped Downs either with his finger or gun on his right shoulder  
and told him to remain on the airplane. Prior to departing the  
airplane [ ] observed Giffe holding a metal box in his lap, saying  
something to the effect that he would blow up the airplane. [ ]  
advised that when he departed the aircraft he felt he might be  
shot in the back by Giffe. [ ] was unable to recall the actual  
sequence of events concerning the shooting.

ACTION: For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

DATE: October 13, 1971

FROM : R. Gallagher

SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

[REDACTED]  
SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED) - VICTIM  
BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED) - VICTIM  
[REDACTED]

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Bates  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. Felt  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Dalbey

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Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Gasper \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Dalbey \_\_\_\_\_  
Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

BACKGROUND: This is in response to the Director's concurrence with Assistant Director Dwight Dalbey's comment that we make a reassessment of our aircraft hijacking policy. This question of policy reassessment was brought to light in view of the recent aircraft hijacking wherein George M. Giffe, Jr., assisted by [REDACTED] abducted Giffe's wife at Nashville, Tennessee, on 10-4-71, and subsequently hijacked a chartered aircraft from Nashville to Jacksonville, Florida, where Giffe shot and killed himself, his wife, and the pilot.

ACTION: In view of the fact that an Inspector has been ordered to Jacksonville to determine the full and complete facts surrounding this incident, it is recommended that an analysis of our policy be held in abeyance until all facts are known and fully appraised.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns the hijacking of chartered flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on 10/4/71, where subject Giffe shot and killed his wife, the pilot, and himself. b6 b7C

Attached relates subject [ ] appeared before U. S. Magistrate, Jacksonville, 10/14/71, for arraignment at which time his attorneys waived reading of indictment and requested permission to file a motion in 30 days concerning Federal Grand Jury indictment.

[ ] entered plea of not guilty to all four counts.

Attorneys for [ ] recommended bail be reduced to \$10,000 cash or surety with travel restrictions within States of Tennessee and Florida or between same.

[ ] appeared before U. S. District Judge Gerald Tjoflat, 10/14/71, on motion for bail reduction and judge initiated order approving reduction of bail.

[ ] was released on \$10,000 bond and he returned to Nashville.

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4:37PM URGENT 10/14/71 TLF

TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Miller, ES  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Dalton  
Mr. Cleveland  
Mr. Ponder  
Mr. Bates  
Mr. Walters  
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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS.

ALSO KNOWN AS  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA-VICTIM (DECEASED); CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT  
HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

Reference Jacksonville Teletype *pu 38*  
REJKTTEL OCT. THIRTEEN, LAST.  
October

ON INSTANT DATE, SUBJECT, [REDACTED] APPEARED BEFORE U. S.  
Florida,  
MAGISTRATE JOSEPH W. HATCHETT, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., FOR ARRAIGNMENT.  
ACCOMPANIED BY HIS COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY [REDACTED] AND ATTORNEY  
[REDACTED] FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. [REDACTED] APPEARANCE  
COMPLETELY CHANGED AS RESULT OF HAIRCUT, REDUCTION OF SIDEBURNS,  
SHAVING OF MUSTACHE, WEARING GLASSES AND NORMAL BUSINESS ATTIRE.  
[REDACTED] REPHOTOGRAPHED BY U. S. MARSHAL AS A RESULT OF THESE CHANGES.

[REDACTED] THROUGH HIS ATTORNEYS, WAIVED READING OF INDICTMENT  
AND REQUEST MADE TO FILE MOTION IN THIRTY DAYS CONCERNING FGJ  
INDICTMENT. [REDACTED] ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY TO ALL FOUR COUNTS  
OF FGJ INDICTMENT.

MOTION MADE BY [REDACTED] ATTORNEYS FOR REDUCTION OF BAIL WHICH  
WAS NOT OPPOSED BY U. S. ATTORNEY JOHN BRIGGS. RECOMMENDATION FOR

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BAIL REDUCTION TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH OR SURETY WITH TRAVEL RESTRICTION TO WITHIN STATES OF TENNESSEE AND FLA. OR BETWEEN THESE TWO STATES. BONDING COMPANY BILL ARFLIN ASSOCIATES POSTED BOND IN JACKSONVILLE.

U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE  
SUBJECT APPEARED WITH ATTORNEYS BEFORE ~~USDJ~~ GERALD TJOFLAT ON ORDER FOR MOTION FOR REDUCTION OF BAIL DUE TO CAPITAL OFFENSE CHARGED AGAINST [REDACTED] JUDGE TJOFLAT INITIATED ORDER APPROVING REDUCTION OF BAIL.

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AT THIS TIME, JUDGE TJOFLAT RAISED QUESTION OF EMPLOYMENT BY [REDACTED] OF NASHVILLE ATTORNEY [REDACTED] IN CONJUNCTION WITH COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY [REDACTED] IN JACKSONVILLE AND [REDACTED] STATED TO COURT HE HAD BEEN SOLICITED BY FRIENDS OF THE [REDACTED] FAMILY, AS WELL AS [REDACTED] TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AS ASSISTANT TO [REDACTED] ALLEGED HE IS CLOSE FRIEND OF FAMILY OF [REDACTED] AND NOT RETAINED AS COUNSEL FOR [REDACTED] DEFENSE AT THIS TIME.

JUDGE TJOFLAT DIRECTED THAT WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, REPORT BE MADE TO COURT AS TO [REDACTED] POSITION IN THIS MATTER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THIS TIME WAS SUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE AMOUNT OF EXPENSE INVOLVED IN PREPARATION OF DEFENSE FOR [REDACTED] AND HE WOULD COMPLY WITH JUDGE TJOFLAT'S REQUEST.

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EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE BY NATIONAL WIRE SERVICES AND LOCAL  
NEWS MEDIA FROM BOTH NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE AND JACKSONVILLE,

FLA. [REDACTED] RELEASED ON TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND AND HAS LEFT  
FOR NASHVILLE.

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LRS FBI WASHDC

cc: Mr. Bishop

*Mr. Ponder*

*Mr. Mohr*

*Mr. Callahan*

*Mr. Dalbey*



FBI

Date: 10/14/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Miller, ES	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Cleveland	
Mr. Gandy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Ladd	
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI *George Mallory*  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (164-103) *Gifford, Jr.*  
SUBJ:                       
                               BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT, INC.  
          NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, ET AL.  
          POSSIBLE ~~FICA~~ Federal TORT CLAIMS ACT

On 10/13/71, Attorneys                       
                     contacted this office and requested an interview  
with me. *Fla*

I saw                      in the presence  
of Supervisor                      *pol*

                     stated that he represented the Big  
Brothers Aircraft Company, the widow of BRENT DOWNS and  
the                      family.                      stated he was trying  
to determine whether or not there was any basis for a  
Federal Tort Claims Act suit and he would like to interview  
the Agents who were on the scene, including                       
who was in charge.

I told                      that I realized that an attorney  
of record in criminal proceedings or civil proceedings had  
the right to interview any of the witnesses for the government,  
and I assumed that all Agents who were on the scene would be  
possible witnesses for the government, but the actual suit  
had not been filed; that we had a criminal matter which was  
pending; and that we were in the process of supplying to the  
United States Attorney a detailed report which would include  
statements of each individual Agent on the scene. At the time  
of a trial the original statements would be made available  
to the defense or the plaintiff in civil matters and the  
attorney would have the opportunity to cross-examine after  
the witness testified.

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I told him I had been in touch with all the Agents who were on the scene and they had advised me that they did not desire to submit to an interview. }

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[ ] stated that he expected the above answer but he would like to have it noted that the request had been made. I told him I would so record.

[ ] stated that he would also like to have a copy of the signed statement given by [ ] the co-pilot, on 10/4/71; that he had given a detailed statement in Nashville and had been given a copy of the statement but he did not have a copy of the statement he had given in Jacksonville on 10/4/71.

After checking I told [ ] that [ ] did not give a signed statement on that date and that his oral statement to the Agents had been recorded and would be in the hands of the United States Attorney.

October 18, 1971  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns the hijacking of the charter aircraft from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on 10-4-71.

Attached advises attorneys' [redacted]

[redacted] representing Big Brother Aircraft Company, widow of deceased pilot Brent Downs, and [redacted]

[redacted] family (relatives of Susan Giffe) appeared at the Jacksonville Office and contacted SAC William Alexander on 10-13-71, requesting permission to interview Agents who were at the scene of the hijacking. SAC Alexander advised the attorneys the Agents did not desire to submit to an interview, that this was a pending criminal matter, and that statements of each individual Agent involved would be made available to the defense or the plaintiffs in civil matters at the appropriate court proceeding.

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*Properly handled.*

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TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE 164-103 & 120-288

ATLANTA

MEMPHIS

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 164-54 P

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED), CAA -

HIJACKING; KIDNAPING

BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC.,  
NASHVILLE, TENN., FTCA

RE JACKSONVILLE CALL OCTOBER FOURTEEN LAST, REQUESTING:  
EXPERT TESTIMONY RE CAPABILITY OF HAWK COMMANDER PROP JET AIR-  
CRAFT NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT NOVEMBER TO CONTINUE FLIGHT TO  
BAHAMAS WITH AVAILABLE FUEL AND WEATHER CONDITIONS.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FAA FLIGHT  
CENTER, OKLA. CITY, ADVISED THIS DATE FAA WILL COOPERATE FULLY  
AND WILL FURNISH EXPERT WITNESS INSTRUCTOR, FAA  
FLIGHT STANDARD SECTION, TO TESTIFY CONCERNING CAPABILITY OF  
AIRCRAFT TO CONTINUE FLIGHT DEPENDENT UPON TESTIMONY OF  
ADDITIONAL WITNESS TO BE FURNISHED BY ATLANTA REGION FAA WHO  
WILL TESTIFY CONCERNING MECHANICAL CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT IN-

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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CLUDING FUEL GAUGE INDICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL WITNESSES TO  
TESTIFY TO FLIGHT CONDITIONS AS RECORDED ON FAA CONTROL TAPES  
AND PREVAILING WEATHER CONDITIONS.

FAA CENTER, OKLA. CITY, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTING  
ATLANTA REGION THIS DATE TO SET UP NECESSARY PROCEDURES AND  
ADDITIONAL LIASON WITH JACKSONVILLE OFFICE. OKLA. CITY WILL  
CONFIRM FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH FAA AND KEEP JACKSONVILLE  
ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

THIS INVESTIGATION MUST RECEIVE TOP PRIORITY AND  
PREFERRED ATTENTION.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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4:42 PM URGENT 10-15-71 CRE

TO DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFEE, JR., AKA. PAREN DECEASED CLOSE PAREN;

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. DASH VICTIM PAREN

DECEASED CLOSE PAREN, CAA DASH HIJACKING, CARRYING A CONCEALED  
WEAPON, INTIMIDATION OF TWO MEMBERS; KIDNAPPING, OO: JACKSONVILLE.

JACKSONVILLE DAILY SUMMARY, OCTOBER FIFTEEN, SEVENTYONE.

A REVIEW OF AUTOPSY REPORT OF THE REMAINS OF GEORGE M. GIFFE,  
JR., PREPARED BY DR. CARL H. WELLS, MEDICAL EXAMINER, DUVAL COUNTY,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, DATED OCTOBER FIVE, LAST, REFLECTS SPECIMENS  
OF BLOOD AND BILE REMOVED AND SUBMITTED TO FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF  
HEALTH FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS. REPORT OF FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF  
HEALTH REFLECTED BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT OF ZERO POINT SIXTEEN PERCENT  
AND BILE NARCOTICS NEGATIVE. CAUSE OF DEATH LISTED AS CEREBRAL  
LACERATIONS WITH NUMEROUS FRACTURES OF THE SKULL DUE TO GUNSHOT  
WOUND IN HEAD.

CONTACT BY JACKSONVILLE DIVISION THIS DATE WITH EXHIBIT SECTION OF  
BUREAU CONCERNING PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS FOR FUTURE CRIMINAL

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AND CIVIL ACTION IN THIS MATTER DETERMINED NEED FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF AIRPORT DRAWINGS IN BOTH NASHVILLE AND JACKSONVILLE AS TO ACCURACY OF DRAWINGS OF OCTOBER FOURTH, LAST.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE WILL, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, OBTAIN CERTIFIED COPY OF ENGINEER DRAWINGS OF SECTION OF AIR FIELD WHERE BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT BOARDED BY SUBJECTS ON MORNING OF OCTOBER FOURTH, LAST, AND WILL SUBMIT DRAWING WITH NOTATIONS AS TO POSITION OF AIRCRAFT, VICTIMS, SUBJECTS, AND SUBJECTS' CAR AT THAT TIME TO EXHIBIT SECTION AT BUREAU.

WILL ALSO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF AREA TO ACCOMPANY DRAWINGS TO BUREAU.

ON INSTANT DATE U. S. ATTORNEY JOHN BRIGGS, JACKSONVILLE, CONSULTED CONCERNING ARTICLES RELATING TO TAPED CONVERSATIONS OVER FAA FACILITIES APPEARING IN THE OCTOBER THIRTEEN EDITION OF NASHVILLE BANNER AND OCTOBER FOURTEEN EDITION OF NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN. THESE ARTICLES CONTAIN EXCERPTS OR QUOTATIONS WHICH COULD ONLY COME FROM ACTUAL PLAYBACK OF RECORDINGS OF ORIGINAL TAPES. MR. BRIGGS STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH  ATTORNEY IN CIVIL

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ACTION, WHO ASSURED BRIGGS THAT HE HAD NOT RELEASED CONTENTS OF TAPES TO OUTSIDE PARTIES.

BRIGGS SAID THAT IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT POSSIBLE CONTEMPT ACTION BY GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME MIGHT CAUSE ADDITIONAL ADVERSE PUBLICITY IN NEWS MEDIA, ALTHOUGH HE AGREED THAT APPARENT VIOLATION OF EXISTING COURT ORDER REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF THE CONTENTS OF THESE TAPES WAS APPARENT. HE SAID THAT HE WAS SUBMITTING HIS OBSERVATIONS AND OPINIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTION.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE OBTAIN COPIES OF ABOVE ARTICLES IN NASHVILLE BANNER AND NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN AND PROMPTLY FORWARD TO BUREAU FOR REVIEW.

JACKSONVILLE REPORT IN FINAL PREPARATION AND WILL REACH BUREAU BY OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, NEXT.

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9:57 PM PM NITEL 10-15-71 MRF

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM BALTIMORE (164-100)

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SUBJECT: GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. -- VICTIM (DECEASED);

CAA--HIJACKING; CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON; INTIMIDATION  
OF CREW MEMBERS; KIDNAPPING; OO: JACKSONVILLE.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED TEN  
FOURTEEN SEVENTY-ONE. *ser 41*

[REDACTED] SOURCE [REDACTED] CAN ONLY BE UTILIZED IN MATTERS  
INVOLVING THE NATIONAL SECURITY. THIS IS A VERY SENSITIVE  
SOURCE AND DUE TO THE PUBLICITY AFFORDED CAPTIONED MATTER,  
IT IS FELT THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO UTILIZE THIS SOURCE MIGHT  
COMPROMISE THE SOURCE. ACCORDINGLY, BALTIMORE WILL NOT  
REVIEW RECORDS OF THE SOURCE.

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TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE

FROM CINCINNATI (164-53) 1P

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR.

(DECEASED); [REDACTED] MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM

(DECEASED). CAA - HIJACKING, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, INTIMIDATION

OF CREW MEMBERS; KIDNAPPING

OO JACKSONVILLE

RE JACKSONVILLE NITEL TO BUREAU OCTOBER FOURTEEN LAST.

RECORDS, CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, SHOW POLICY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - THREE NINE WAS CANCELLED FEBRUARY  
TWENTY ONE SEVENTY.

FD THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS.

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10:45 PM NITEL 10-15-71 DMB

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FRM MEMPHIS (164-76) (4P)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED).

CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

RE BUREAU TEL JK AND ME, OCT. FOURTEEN LAST; ME TEL  
BUREAU AND JK, OCT. FOURTEEN LAST; ME REPORT OF SA  
OCT. FOURTEEN, LAST.

PER REQUEST OF BUREAU, FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION TO DATE:

SIGNED STATEMENT OBTAINED FROM

CO-PILOT, HIJACKED PLANE, PER REQUEST BUREAU FROM PERIOD  
OF TIME INSTRUCTED TO REPORT FOR CHARTERED FLIGHT  
AND TIME DEPARTED AIRCRAFT AND WAS OBTAINED AND  
CONTAINED IN RE ME REPORT.

STATEMENTS MADE DURING COURSE OF OBTAINING STATEMENT  
REGARDING EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER EVENTS AT JACKSONVILLE  
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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONTAINED ON SEPARATE THREE ZERO TWO,  
NOT <sup>o</sup>CONTAINED IN RE REPORT, A SUMMARY OF WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

HE STATED HE REQUESTED COPY OF STATEMENT PER INSTRU-  
TION [REDACTED] BIG BROTHERS AIRCRAFT. HE WAS  
NOT IN DISAGREEMENT WITH HANDLING OF SITUATION AT JACKSONVILLE,  
FLA. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND FELT IF THEY WERE REFUELED,  
HE AND DOWNS WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED AT TERMINATION OF FLIGHT.  
SOME STATEMENTS MADE <sup>BY</sup> [REDACTED] ~~RE~~ ATTRIBUTED TO HIM WERE  
NOT INFORMATION HE FURNISHED TO [REDACTED] HE SURMISED DOWNS  
MAY POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN DEAD WHEN ENGINE SHOT AS PROPELLER  
WENT TO FEATHER POSITION AFTER SHOT AND WOULD NOT HAVE DONE  
SO IF <sup>P</sup>PILOT MANUALLY SHUT DOWN ENGINE. SAID MAN WHO PASSED  
IN FRONT OF PLANE AND OPENED DOOR OF AIRPLANE, "VERY BRAVE."  
HE BECAME INVOLVED IN HEATED ARGUMENT WITH BIG BROTHER  
AIRCRAFT ATTORNEY [REDACTED] AS TO STATEMENTS [REDACTED]  
CLAIMS HE MADE.

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THIS DATE, CLOTHING OF DOWNS OBTAINED THROUGH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ATTORNEY REPRESENTING [REDACTED] TO BE FORWARDED  
TO BUREAU.

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THIS DATE, NASHVILLE METRO PD VERIFIED GIFFE HAS SPECIFIC PD COMMISSION NUMBER THREE FOUR ONE TWO ISSUED FEB. ELEVEN, SEVENTYONE, FOR CARRYING WEAPON FROM BANK, HOME AND ELSEWHERE PERTAINING TO BUSINESS AS OWNER OF GLOBAL V REALTY CO. NO EQUIPMENT ISSUED AND AUTHORITY VALID IN DAVIDSON CO., NASHVILLE, TENN. ONLY.

LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY NASHVILLE METRO PD ON CADILLAC USED BY GIFFE AND RESULTS TO BE FORWARDED TO IDENT. DIVISION FOR COMPARISON.

ON OCT. FOURTEEN, LAST, [REDACTED] DECEASED VICTIM'S MOTHER, REQUESTED TO BE ADVISED OF ARTICLES OWNED BY DAUGHTER AND SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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(A) SHORT JADE NECKLACE, MARBLE SIZE (B) ANTIQUE WATCH IN CASE WITH INSIGNIA BIRD ON OUTSIDE WITH GOLD CHAIN (C) GOLD CHARM BRACLETT HAVING NO CHARMS (D) FIVE DOLLAR GOLD PIECE GIVEN DAUGHTER BY SUBJECT GIFFE TO BE MOUNTED ON CHAIN (E) KEYS TO VEHICLE OWNED BY DAUGHTER.

[REDACTED] DESIRES THESE AND OTHER ITEMS TO BE RETURNED TO HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REQUESTED TIME  
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WHEN THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE.

AS NOTED IN RE MEMPHIS REPORT, LABRI LOUNGE, NASHVILLE, TENN., OPENED OCT. TWO, LAST IN NEGRO SECTION NORTH AREA, NASHVILLE, TENN.

[REDACTED] MANAGER, LAW FIRM REPRESENTING KELLY CADILLAC CO., CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SAID GIFFE TRADED MERCURY COUGAR VEHICLE FOR CADILLAC UPON EXECUTION OF BUYERS ORDER XSUBJECT TO FINANCING AND BILL OF SALE AND TRANSFER OF TITLE NEVER EXECUTED. COMMERCE UNION BANK, NASHVILLE, WOULD NOT APPROVE FINANCING AND [REDACTED] CLAIMS KELLY CADILLAC LEGAL OWNER OF CADILLAC.

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AS NOTED IN RE MEMPHIS REPORT, GIFFE RECENTLY SOLD GUNS TO GUN CITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE: ADVISED MEMPHIS AFTER INVENTORY OF ITEMS MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND ADVISE WHEN PURSE AND ITEMS TO BE RETURNED TO

[REDACTED]  
THIS CASE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PREFERRED ATTENTION. P. END.

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cc Mr. Walters

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4:34 PM NITEL 10-16-71 LLH

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM MEMPHIS (164-76) 1 PL

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED).

CCA - HIJACKING ; KIDNAPING.

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL TO MEMPHIS, OCT. FIFTEEN, LAST.

THIS DATE, REVIEW NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE DIRECTORIES

LIST SUBSCRIBER FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE TWO SEVEN-

TWO ZERO THREE THREE AS PATHOLOGIST LABORATORY, ONE NINE

ONE SIX PATTERSON ST., SUPERVISOR,

NASHVILLE, TENN. SUBSCRIBER TO NUMBER TWO FOUR FOUR - FIVE

ONE FIVE ONE IS ST. THOMAS HOSPITAL IN NASHVILLE. NO

LISTING FOR TELEPHONE TWO FIVE SIX - NINE ONE NINE TWO

AND SUBSCRIBER WILL BE DETERMINED THROUGH CONTACT WITH

SOUTH CENTRAL BELL SECURITY OFFICE, NASHVILLE.

THIS CASE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PREFERRED AND

CONTINUOUS ATTENTION. P

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
SUMMARY

This concerns the hijacking of a chartered flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia. Flight diverted to Jacksonville, Florida, where subject Giffe shot and killed the pilot, his (Giffe's) wife, and himself.

Attached reports article in 10/15/71 "Nashville Banner" indicating Big Brother Aircraft and wife of slain pilot will file over a \$1,000,000 claim 10/15/71 under Federal Tort Claims Act against U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Department of Transportation. However, check made by close of business failed to indicate such a claim filed in Tennessee.

[redacted] attorney for Big Brother Aircraft, telephoned Nashville FBI Resident Agency claiming two Agents drained fuel from tanks in Jacksonville making no such communication to owner of plane. FBI and FAA personnel refused to speak with him 10/14/71 in Jacksonville and if this means Government is taking a hard line, he will make it hard on Government as above draining of tanks was illegal. [redacted] was advised this matter should be taken up with the appropriate U.S. Attorney's Office.

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

\* WE HAVE NOTHING PREVIOUS ON THIS

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10:54 PM NITEL 10-15-71 DBC

TO: DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE

FROM: MEMPHIS (120-263) (3P)

George Mallory Giffey  
CAA

[REDACTED] BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT,  
Tennessee  
INC., NASHVILLE, TENN.; FICA. Federal Tort Claims Act

THE AFTERNOON EDITION "NASHVILLE BANNER", DAILY NASHVILLE,  
TENN. NEWSPAPER, CARRIED ARTICLE INDICATING THE ADMINIS-  
TRATIVE CLAIM REPORTEDLY IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS  
WILL BE FILED LATER TODAY AGAINST U. S. DEPARTMENT OF  
Federal Aviation Administration  
JUSTICE, FAA AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BY ATTORNEYS  
FOR BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT AND WIFE OF SLAIN PILOT, BRENT  
DOWNS. ATTORNEYS [REDACTED] SAID  
CLAIM TO BE MADE UNDER FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT.

U. S. ATTORNEY  
CONTACT WITH USA'S OFFICE AND US DISTRICT COURT  
Middle District of Tennessee  
CLERK'S OFFICE, MDT, NASHVILLE, TENN., ADVISED AT CLOSE  
OF BUSINESS NO CLAIM HAD BEEN FILED IN THIS REGARD.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT  
[REDACTED] DISTRICT COURT CLERK, USDC, MDT, NASHVILLE  
ADVISED IF CLAIM FILED WOULD POSSIBLY BE FILED IN

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OTHER JURISDICTION, PERHAPS WASHINGTON, D.C. OR JACKSONVILLE,  
FLORIDA.

Information  
FOR INFO BUREAU, [REDACTED]

ATTORNEY

~~ATTORNEY~~ FOR BIG

Resident Agency

BROTHER AIRCRAFT, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NASHVILLE ~~RA~~

FBI P. M. THIS DATE AND REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
BE PASSED ON TO BUREAU AND JACKSONVILLE.

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[REDACTED] SAID TWO AGENTS WENT TO AIR-COMMAND AT  
JACKSONVILLE AND DRAINED FUEL FROM TANKS AND IMPORTED  
AIRCRAFT AND NO COMMUNICATION WAS MADE TO OWNER OF PLANE.  
STATED HE WOULD NOT MAKE ISSUE BUT THURSDAY HE WAS DENIED  
REQUEST TO SPEAK TO AGENTS OF FBI AT JACKSONVILLE AND  
PERSONNEL OF <sup>FAA</sup> ~~AA~~ IN JACKSONVILLE.

STATED THIS FORCES HIM TO GO THROUGH LEGAL PROCESS  
~~IF~~ THEY MAKE IT HARD ON HIM THAT HE WOULD MAKE IT  
HARD ON GOVERNMENT. STATED IT WAS ILLEGAL ACTION AND IL-  
LEGAL SEARCH TO DRAIN AIRCRAFT AND WAS ILLEGAL ACT TO  
TAMPER WITH AIRPLANE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. STATED  
REASON HE RAISED ISSUE BECAUSE OF TREATMENT RECEIVED AND  
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~~CORRECTION LAST LINE SECOND PARA PERSONNEL OF FAA IN JACKSONVILLE.~~

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IF HARD-LINE APPROACH IS BEING USED, HE WILL INSTRUCT  
CLIENT TO TAKE SIMILAR APPROACH. STATED WANTS TO  
COOPERATE BUT CANNOT IF HE RECEIVES NO COOPERATION.

WAS ADVISED THAT THESE MATTERS SHOULD BE  
TAKEN UP WITH APPROPRIATE USA'S OFFICE. P. END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

FROM : R. J. Gallagher

SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED) - VICTIM

BRENTS DOWNS (DECEASED) - VICTIM

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

DATE: October 18, 1971

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Dalbey

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Gasper \_\_\_\_\_  
Schubert \_\_\_\_\_  
Dalbey \_\_\_\_\_  
Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_  
Ponder \_\_\_\_\_  
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This is a brief summary of recent developments relating to the October 4, 1971, hijacking of a chartered aircraft from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida.

Investigation at Nashville, Tennessee

[REDACTED] co-pilot of the hijacked aircraft, furnished a signed statement in which he advises he is not in disagreement with the FBI's handling of the situation at Jacksonville, stating that if they had been refueled at Jacksonville, he felt he and the pilot, Downs, would have been killed at the termination of the flight. [REDACTED] surmised that Downs may possibly have been dead when FBI Agents fired into the right engine of the aircraft as the propeller went to a feather position after being shot and would not have done so if the pilot had manually shut down the engine.

Autopsy on George M. Giffe, Jr.

A review of the autopsy report on the remains of George M. Giffe, Jr., reflected an analysis of blood and bile specimens indicated Giffe's blood alcohol content was 0.16 per cent and bile narcotics - negative. Anything above 0.15 per cent is considered the legal point of intoxication. Cause of death was listed as cerebral lacerations with numerous fractures of the skull due to gunshot wound in the head.

Giffe apparently shot the pilot and his wife before turning the gun on himself committing suicide.

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Memorandum to Mr. Bates  
Re: George M. Giffe, Jr. (Deceased);  
Et Al.

Release of FAA Tape Transcriptions  
to the Press

On October 15, 1971, United States Attorney (USA) John Briggs, Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, was contacted concerning two articles relating to conversations between the hijacked aircraft and the FAA appearing in the October 13, 1971, edition of the "Nashville Banner," and the October 14, 1971, edition of the "Nashville Tennessean." These articles contained excerpts and quotations which could have come only from the actual playback of original tapes of the incident. Mr. Briggs advised he had contacted [redacted] the plaintiff's attorney, and he assured Briggs he had not released contents of the tapes to outside parties. Mr. Briggs advised there was an apparent violation of the existing court order regarding the disclosure of the contents of these tapes, and he was submitting his observations and opinions to the Department of Justice for possible further action. b6 b7C

On October 18, 1971, an article regarding the FAA tapes appeared in "The Washington Post." This article sets forth verbatim transcript of the conversation between the FAA control tower at Jacksonville and the pilot of the hijacked aircraft. According to "The Washington Post," shortly after the shooting, someone in the control tower said, "You can't win them all." The "Post" indicated this statement was part of the background conversation audible on the FAA's tape recording, though not included in the transcript obtained by the "Post."

**ACTION:** For information. The apparent violation of the existing court order regarding disclosure of contents of these tapes is being pursued with the Department to determine if "The Washington Post" and other newspapers which have published this information are in contempt of court. The Jacksonville and Memphis Divisions are being instructed to fully identify the source of this information. Comments regarding the statement, "You can't win them all" set forth in the "Post" article have been discussed with Inspector Wason G. Campbell at Jacksonville, and a copy of the tape has been forwarded to the Bureau to have the Laboratory make a thorough examination, including filtering out all background noises.

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3:35 PM URGENT 10-19-71 CRE

TO DIRECTOR

CHARLOTTE

OKLAHOMA CITY (164-54)

MEMPHIS (164-76)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103 (P))

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA., GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED) b6 b7C

[REDACTED] MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., DASH VICTIM (DECEASED),

CAA DASH HIJACKING; CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, INTIMIDATION OF  
CREW MEMBERS; KIDNAPING. [REDACTED]

RE JACKSONVILLE AIRTEL TO CHARLOTTE AND WFO, OCTOBER TWELVE,  
LAST.

CONTACT WITH CHIEF, GENERAL AVIATION DISTRICT, FAA, JACKSONVILLE  
INDICATES THAT FAA PRESENTLY COMPILING COMPREHENSIVE FACTUAL DATA  
CONCERNING CHARACTERISTICS OF AIRCRAFT N NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT N, LOAD  
FACTORS, AND WEATHER CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO FORWARD INFORMATION  
TO FAA INSPECTOR HANDLING TESTING OF SIMILAR AIRCRAFT AT NORTH  
AMERICA ROCKWELL CORPORATION, OKLAHOMA.

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FAA INSPECTOR UPON RECEIPT OF ALL INFORMATION WILL ATTEMPT TO COMPUTE AS EXPERT FLYING CAPABILITY OF ABOVE AIRCRAFT ON MORNING OF OCTOBER FOUR, LAST.

CHARLOTTE AND WFO WILL EXPEDITE COVERAGE OF LEADS SET FORTH IN ABOVE REFERENCED AIRTEL TO INCLUDE NOT ONLY WEATHER AND WIND ALOFT IN THE JACKSONVILLE AREA BUT ALSO TO INCLUDE SAME DATA FROM JACKSONVILLE TO WEST PALM BEACH AND IN THE FREEPORT BAHAMAS AREA.

OKLAHOMA CITY WILL PROMPTLY ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH FAA TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OFFICIAL CONDUCTING THIS EXAMINATION AND INSURE THAT ALL DATA IS AVAILABLE TO HIM. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED IS TO BE SET FORTH BY LEAD IN TELETYPES.

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5:03 PM NITEL 10-19-71 CRE

TO DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS (164-76)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA (DECEASED); [REDACTED]  
MRS. SUSAN M. GIFFE, JR. DASH VICTIM (DECEASED); CAA DASH  
HIJACKING; CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON ABOARD AIRCRAFT; INTIMIDATION.  
OF CREW MEMBERS; KIDNAPING. (OO:JK).

JACKSONVILLE DAILY SUMMARY, OCTOBER NINETEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE

[REDACTED] CHIEF, GENERAL AVIATION DISTRICT, JACKSONVILLE,  
FLORIDA, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE HAD NOTED AFTER AN EXAMINATION  
OF THE FLIGHT LOG OF HAWK COMMANDER N NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT N THAT  
THE ENTRIES INDICATED ONLY FOUR PASSENGERS INCLUDING THE PILOT AND  
CO-PILOT THEREBY INDICATING THAT THE SUBJECT [REDACTED] WAS APPARENTLY  
NOT KNOWN TO BE A SCHEDULED PASSENGER ON THIS FLIGHT.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT AFTER A REVIEW OF THE  
FLIGHT PAPERS ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT AND IN THE CUSTODY OF THE FBI, HE  
COULD NOT LOCATE ANY RECORD OF PRIOR DISCREPANCIES FOR THE AIRCRAFT.

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HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS USUAL FOR THESE TO BE LISTED IN THE DOCUMENTS MAINTAINED WITH THE AIRCRAFT IT IS PROBABLE THAT THEY ARE LISTED IN THE RECORDS OF BIG BROTHERS AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CHIEF OF FAA AT NASHVILLE IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FURTHER RECORDS ON THIS AIRCRAFT, HOWEVER, FAA WAS DENIED ACCESS BY BIG BROTHERS WITH THE STATEMENT FROM BIG BROTHERS THAT THEY WOULD RELEASE THIS INFORMATION TO FAA IF FAA WOULD MAKE THEIR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLERS WHO HANDLED THEIR AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. FAA TOOK A NEGATIVE POSITION AS TO PROVIDING THESE PERSONNEL FOR INTERVIEWS.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT IT WAS FAA'S LAWFUL RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN A SURVEILLANCE OF AIRCRAFT UTILIZED BY TAXI AND AIR CHARTER SERVICES IN WHICH CATEGORY BIG BROTHERS FALLS. HE SAID THAT FAA WILL HANDLE THE OBTAINING OF THIS INFORMATION AND IF NECESSARY WOULD CONTACT THEIR LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR POSSIBLE SUBPOENA ACTION.

MEMPHIS SHOULD MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH FAA FOR FURTHER DEVELOPEMNTS IN THIS MATTER.

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October 19, 1971  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns the hijacking of a chartered aircraft from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on 10/4/71.

Attached advises ifuel tanks of hijacked aircraft were drained in the presence of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials and fuel aboard aircraft measured 105 gallons. FAA is compiling data for submission to FAA inspectors at Oklahoma City, who will then make determination of exact remaining flight time that would have been available to hijacked aircraft if it would have left Jacksonville without refueling.

Investigation Jacksonville indicates under normal conditions pilot of hijacked aircraft could have used internal power aboard aircraft to restart engines and it would have not been necessary to have airport power units available. Assistant Chief of FAA control tower, Jacksonville, contacted 10/18/71, and advised he never heard statement on original tape indicating anyone said "You can't win them all." Replay of rerecorded tape in his possession fails to indicate such statement made. Agents in Jacksonville control tower 10/4/71, have made positive statement denying they made such a comment or hearing it while they were in tower.

FBI Laboratory is conducting thorough examination of tapes and will filter out background noises.

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Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Miller, ES.  
Mr. Callahan  
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Mr. Cleveland  
Mr. Ponder  
Mr. Bates  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Walters  
Mr. Soyars-b6  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

NR007 JK PLAIN

11:00 PM 10/18/71 NITEL CJA

DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA. PAREN DECEASED CLOSE PAREN;

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. DASH VICTIM PAREN DECEASED CLOSE  
PAREN, DASH HIJACKING, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON, INTIMIDATION  
OF FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS; KIDNAPPING. 00:JK.

JACKSONVILLE DAILY SUMMARY, OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, SEVENTYONE.

DURING THE AFTER NOON OF OCTOBER FIFTEEN, LAST, SERVICE MANAGER  
AND LINE CREWMEN OF AIRKAMAN, DRAINED FUEL TANKS OF HAWK COMMANDER  
NOVEMBER NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT NOVEMBER. TOTAL FUEL ABOARD AIRCRAFT  
MEASURED ONE ZERO FIVE GALLONS. FAA OFFICIALS, ALSO PRESENT AT TIME  
OF DRAINING, INSPECTED FLIGHT MANUALS AND OTHER DATA ABOARD AIRCRAFT.  
NOTATION WAS ALSO MADE OF ALL FUEL INSTRUMENTS AT THIS TIME.

FAA COMPILING DATA FOR SUBMISSION TO FAA INSPECTOR AT  
OKLAHOMA CITY SO THAT HE CAN MAKE DETERMINATION OF EXACT REMAINING  
FLIGHT TIME AVAILABLE ON AIRCRAFT.

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FAA INTENDS TO SUBMIT REQUEST TO NATIONAL AIR SAFETY CENTER TO MAKE WEATHER COMPUTATIONS BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PILOT AT TIME IN JACKSONVILLE, ENROUTE TO WEST PALM BEACH, AND AT FREEPORT IN BAHAMAS, AND WILL FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO FAA INSPECTOR AT OKLAHOMA CITY.

CONTACT WITH CHIEF OF SERVICE, AIRKAMAN, THIS DATE, DETERMINED THAT

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UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, PILOT OF HAWK COMMANDER COULD HAVE USED INTERNAL POWER ABOARD AIRCRAFT TO RESTART ENGINES. USUAL PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO USE AIRPORT POWER UNIT TO MAKE RESTART IN ORDER TO CONSERVE BATTERY POWER. AIRCRAFT OF THIS TYPE LANDING AT AIRFIELDS NOT HAVING POWER UNITS AVAILABLE WOULD HAVE TO USE INTERNAL POWER FOR RESTARTS.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF FAA CONTROL TOWER, JACKSONVILLE, CONTACTED THIS DATE AND ADVISES THAT HE NEVER HEARD STATEMENT ON ORIGINAL TAPE WHILE IN CONTROL TOWER ON MORNING OF OCTOBER FOUR, LAST, STATING QUOTE YOU CAN'T WIN 'EM ALL UNQUOTE. REPLAY OF RERECORDED TAPE IN HIS POSSESSION FAILS TO INDICATE SUCH STATEMENT MADE IN BACKGROUND OF TAPE. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHEN BIG BROTHER'S ATTORNEY PRESENT AT FAA FOR REPLAY HE HAD CO DASH PILOT [REDACTED] CHIEF PILOT [REDACTED] AND ATTORNEY [REDACTED] BY NAME OF [REDACTED] PRESENT. TOWER CHIEF [REDACTED] ALSO PRESENT. ATTORNEY [REDACTED] MADE COPY OF TAPE WITH OPEN MICROPHONE PLACED NEXT TO RECORDING MACHINE AND COMPLAINED UPON COMPLETION THAT HE HAD PICKED UP BACKGROUND NOISE IN ROOM WHILE RECORDING WAS BEING MADE. TOWER CHIEF [REDACTED] RECEIVED SEVERAL PHONE CALLS WHILE [REDACTED] WAS

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MAKING TAPE AND ANY COMMENTS WHICH HE MADE COULD HAVE BEEN PICKED UP  
ON  TAPE.

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AGENTS IN TOWER ON OCTOBER FOUR, LAST, HAVE MADE POSITIVE STATEMENTS DENYING QUESTIONED STATEMENT OF HEARING IT WHILE THEY WERE IN TOWER.

JACKSONVILLE HAS SUBMITTED REPORT TO BUREAU AND HAS RECEIVED MEMPHIS REPORT. BOTH BEING REVIEWED FOR LEAD INFORMATION AND ALL LEADS WILL BE SET FORTH BY TELETYPE.

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October 13, 1971

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[Redacted Address]

Chicago, Illinois 60626

Dear [Redacted Name]

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While I readily understand the interest and concern which prompted your letter of October 6th, I am unable to furnish the information you are seeking. Since the hijacking of the plane in Florida is being actively investigated and the matter is pending disposition in Federal Court, it would not be proper for me to comment on it in any manner.

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FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Chicago - Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Reply suggested by General Investigative Division.

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October 6, 1971

Chief of Criminal Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: *George M. GRIFFE* 4 ~~plb~~

I recently read a press report regarding the attempted hijacking of a private plane that resulted in the murder of two persons and the suicide of the hijacker in Jacksonville, Florida.

The press report related that FBI agents, including one [redacted] chose to disable the plane despite fervent pleas from the co-pilot hostage that the hijacker was armed and maniacal.

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I am puzzled and concerned by this alleged conduct of the agents in view of the apparently existing policy of cooperating with armed airplane hijackers who are holding hostages within the airplane.

Did the agents in the above case violate Bureau guidelines in the above area, or otherwise exercise poor judgment?

I would greatly appreciate your response to my inquiry.

Sincerely,

[redacted]  
Attorney At Law

[redacted]  
Chicago, Ill. 60626

[redacted]  
Attorney at Law

[redacted]  
Chicago, Illinois

~~CORRESPONDENT~~

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1 - Mr. Gallagher

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TO: SACS, JACKSONVILLE (164-103)  
MEMPHIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED), CRIME ABOARD  
AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING, KIDNAPING.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS TODAY.

THIS IS TO REITERATE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED ON OCTOBER FOUR  
LAST. MEMPHIS INSTRUCTED TO CONDUCT COMPLETE, THOROUGH  
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ALL INDIVIDUALS ABOARD  
HIJACKED PLANE. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO,  
NEIGHBORHOODS, EMPLOYMENT, SCHOOLS, IN-DEPTH FINANCIAL SITUATION,  
AND MEDICAL HISTORY. IN ADDITION, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE  
CONDUCTED CONCERNING GIFFE'S CADILLAC AUTOMOBILE AND CIRCUM-  
STANCES SURROUNDING GIFFE'S POSSESSION OF NASHVILLE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT BADGE. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED CONCERNING  
NIGHTCLUB. LOGICAL INFORMANTS SHOULD BE CONTACTED.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED SUBMIT DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

CONDUCTED AND SUBMIT REPORT TO REACH BUREAU BY OCTOBER EIGHTEEN

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TELETYPE TO SACS, JACKSONVILLE

MEMPHIS

RE: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED)

JACKSONVILLE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT REPORT BY OCTOBER EIGHTEEN  
NEXT SETTING FORTH COMPLETE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT SCENE,  
INCLUDING INTERVIEWS AND EVIDENCE OBTAINED BOTH AT SCENE AND  
DEVELOPED IN CONNECTION WITH AUTOPSY. JACKSONVILLE INSTRUCTED  
TO CHECK ANY MONEY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE EVIDENCE THROUGH NCIC.  
SUBMIT DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPE OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED. ALL  
FACETS THIS INVESTIGATION TO BE GIVEN VIGOROUS, CONTINUING, ALL-OUT  
ATTENTION.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: October 12, 1971

FROM :

[REDACTED]

1 - Mr. Gallagher

1 - [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED)  
ET AL  
CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING

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On the morning of 10/4/71, Supervisor [REDACTED] was in telephonic contact with ASAC [REDACTED] Jacksonville Office, following the captioned hijacking. ASAC [REDACTED] was instructed to insure that a complete examination was conducted in connection with the aircraft, with particular emphasis on all shots that were fired either inside or outside the plane. He was instructed to insure that positive identification was made on the deceased female who was believed to be identical with Mr. Susan Giffe. Instructions were given to insure that full major case fingerprints were taken of all persons involved in the hijacking, subjects and victims, and that these prints be forwarded to the Bureau either by facsimile copy or other expeditious means. ASAC [REDACTED] was also reminded of the necessity of thorough interview with the two survivors of the hijacking and that all physical evidence be preserved and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory

Telephone instructions were also given to SAC Joseph V. Baker, Memphis Office, during the morning of 10/4/71 that complete and thorough background investigation should immediately be instituted concerning subjects Giffe and [REDACTED] and that all witnesses concerning the hijacking at Nashville, Tennessee, be immediately interrogated. SAC Baker was also instructed to verify that Susan Giffe was missing and determine background information needed to positively identify her body in Jacksonville.

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7:10 PM NITEL 10-12-71 DMB

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM MEMPHIS (164-76)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Miller, ES	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GOERGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED);

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING; KIDNAPPING.

ON OCT. TWELVE, INSTANT, THE PAYROLL TIME CARD FOR MRS.

SUSAN GIFFE AS MAINTAINED BY \_\_\_\_\_ MANAGER,

KING OF THE ROAD, NASHVILLE, TENN., WAS OBTAINED AND IT

REFLECTS THAT SUSAN GIFFE CHECKED OUT OF THE MOTEL AT

ONE THIRTYTHREE A.M. RATHER THAN ONE THIRTEEN A.M. AS

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

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CORRECTION LINE TWO \_\_\_\_\_ MANAGER,

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FBI

Albuquerque, New Mexico  
5 October, 1971

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Miller, L.J.  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Cleveland  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Walters  
Mr. Soyars  
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Miss Gandy

Mr. Hoover,

I am prompted to corresponding with you as the result of the deaths of George M. Giffe and two other persons on 4 October. Mr. Giffe was a sick man and perhaps the situation he put himself into was not solvable by rational means. However, my prime concern is the stereotyped manner in which your agents responded, resulting in the three deaths. This occurs at a time when authority is held in low esteem, your personal situation is, at best, questionable, and there is a definite trend towards more federal control of the local police force. As you represent the federal police and thus ultimate responsibility, I direct to you the following questions.

Does the United States need a federal police force?

Does the United States need John Edgar Hoover? Or are we in desperate need of a man, young or old, who has a deeper understanding of the present complex world and more realistic solutions to same?

Who should be involved in the choosing, education, and training of those individuals responsible for the direct application of authority to this society? Is an FBI agent, obviously lacking the proper training and discretionary imagination, the right man to be chosen to deal with a mentally deranged person.

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Realizing that your position as a ranking official makes your superordinates actions somewhat untenable, I nonetheless demand thoughtful and honest reply to each of the above.

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[Redacted signature area]

RESPONSE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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PM NITEL 10-18-71 DMB

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM MEMPHIS (164-76)

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GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., AKA (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., - VICTIM (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING. OO JACKSONVILLE.

RE BUTEL TO JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS, OCTOBER FOURTEEN  
LAST; JACKSONVILLE TEL TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES, OCTOBER  
FOURTEEN LAST.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY  
MEMPHIS DIVISION PER REQUEST OF BUREAU:

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, STATE OF TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE,  
TENN., RECORDS INDICATE GIFFE PURCHASED NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE  
BUICK SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE, SIXTYFIVE, AND SOLD AUGUST TWENTY-  
THREE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, TENNESSEE TITLE ONE ZERO SIX SIX  
TWO ZERO EIGHT NINE. GIFFE PURCHASED SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC  
JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTY, AND SECURED LOAN FOR OVER FIVE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM U.S. COURTHOUSE CREDIT UNION, NASHVILLE,  
TENN., TITLE NO. ONE FOUR SIX THREE FIVE ONE NINE TWO. GIFFE

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PURCHASED NINETEEN SEVENTY MERCURY AT NASHVILLE DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SEVENTY, AND FINANCED VEHICLE THROUGH COMMERCE UNION BANK, TENN. TITLE NO. ONE FIVE THREE NINE FIVE FOUR FIVE FOUR.

THIS DATE U.S. COURTHOUSE CREDIT UNION STATED SUBJECT GIFFE SECURED LOAN JANUARY, SEVENTY, FOR SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC FOR OVER FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, BASED ON PRIVILEGES EXTENDED TO HIM THROUGH CREDIT UNION AS SUBJECT GIFFE'S FATHER, FORMER VETERANS ADMINISTRATION ATTORNEY, WAS MEMBER. GIFFE WRECKED CAR JULY SIXTEEN, SEVENTY, AND OWES BALANCE OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION CADILLAC USED BY GIFFE CONDUCTED BY NASHVILLE METRO PD, NASHVILLE, TENN., AND LATENT FINGERPRINT LIFTS IN PROCESS OF BEING FORWARDED TO IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FOR COMPARISON.

[REDACTED] FEMALE ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT GIFFE, WAS WITH GIFFE EIGHT PM, OCTOBER TWO LAST, TO TWO AM, OCTOBER THREE LAST.

[REDACTED] SAID GIFFE TOLD HER HIS WIFE, SUSAN, WAS OUT OF TOWN.

[REDACTED] STATED SHE MET SUBJECT [REDACTED] FOR FIRST TIME IN LABRI

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LOUNGE ON OPENING DATE OF LOUNGE, OCTOBER TWO, SEVENTYONE.

THIS CASE IS RECEIVING PREFERRED AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

P. END.

WJM FBI WA

CC-Mr. Walters

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Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
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J. EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR FBI WASHDC

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE GIFFE MURDERS



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*george mallery giffe, jr.*

UPI-45

(FBI-HIJACK)

WASHINGTON--FBI AGENTS REJECTED A WARNING BY THE PILOT OF A HIJACKED PLANE THAT "YOU ARE ENDANGERING LIVES" BY REFUSING TO ALLOW THE CRAFT TO BE REFUELED AT A STOP IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA., TWO WEEKS AGO, THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED TODAY.

THE POST PUBLISHED EXCERPTS FROM WHAT IT SAID WAS A TRANSCRIPT BASED ON TAPE RECORDINGS, FROM FILES OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PILOT AND GROUND CONTROLLERS AT JACKSONVILLE.

AFTER PILOT BRENT DOWNS LANDED HIS HIJACKED CHARTER AIRLINER AT JACKSONVILLE FOLLOWING A FLIGHT FROM NASHVILLE, TENN., GUNFIRE BROKE OUT. DOWNS WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY THE HIJACKER, MALLORY GIFFE JR., WHO THEN KILLED HIS ESTANGED WIF, SUSAN LAICH GIFFE, WHOM HE HAD FORCED TO ACCOMPANY HIM, AND THEN SHOT HIMSELF.

THE POST SAID IT OBTAINED A COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE LAST RADIO TRANSMISSIONS FROM THE PLANE AS IT APPROACHED JACKSONVILLE AND AS IT SAT ON THE GROUND. THE POST SAID DOWNS APPARENTLY HAD BEEN ASSURED BEFORE HE TOUCHED DOWN AT JACKSONVILLE THAT A FUEL TRUCK WOULD BE READY SO THAT HE COULD CONTINUE A FLIGHT TO THE BAHAMAS, AS GIFFE HAD DEMANDED.

THE POST SAID THE ACCOUNT SHOWS THAT FBI AGENTS TOOK OVER THE RADIO OPERATION IN THE CONTROL TOWER AFTER DOWNS LANDED AND ADVISED HIM, WITH HIS PASSENGERS LISTENING, THAT NO REFUELING WOULD BE ALLOWED.

THE ACCOUNT SHOWED THE PILOT RESPONDED THAT, "I DON'T THINK THIS FELLOW'S KIDDIN' -- I WISH YOU'D GET THE FUEL TRUCK OUT HERE."

THE FBI AGENT REPEATED: "THERE WILL BE NO FUEL. I REPEAT, THERE WILL BE NO FUEL."

TO THIS PILOT DOWNS SAID, "YOU ARE ENDANGERING LIVES BY DOING THIS...WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO GO ALONG AND...FOR THE SAME OF SOME LIVES WE REQUEST SOME FUEL OUT HERE, PLEASE."

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Respectfully yours,

Shillington, Pa. 19607

cc J. Edgar Hoover, Director F.B.I.

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No acknowledgment necessary. By memorandum 10-12-71 it was recommended that copy of this letter sent to Director not be acknowledged.

Millington, Pa. 19601

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

FROM : R. Gallagher  
George M. Giffie, Jr.

SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON  
CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY  
CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 19, 1971

DATE: October 20, 1971

1-Mr. Rosen

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The monthly meeting of captioned committee chaired by General Benjamin Davis, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Safety and Consumer Affairs, was held at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) October 19, 1971, attended by Bureau representative at which time the following items were discussed (agenda attached). It was recommended and approved that a Bureau representative attend the 10/19/71 conference but that should an inquiry be made relative to the recent Jacksonville, Florida, hijacking incident, those in attendance be merely told it concerns a pending criminal and civil action and accordingly, not a matter for discussion by the FBI.

Director of Air Security, FAA, and former SA, had previously been apprised informally of the Bureau's position and when called upon by General Davis to briefly discuss recent aircraft hijackings merely stated that there had been a hijacking of a chartered aircraft and the hijacker had taken his own life. No further mention was made of the incident by  and there was no additional comment from those in attendance.

Justice representative commented briefly on Justice-sponsored legislation amending the Crime Aboard Aircraft Statute. Identical bills are in committee in the Senate and House.  requested that General Davis and FAA put whatever pressure necessary on Congress to gain passage during the current year. This legislation beefs up penalties for carrying concealed weapons on aircraft and expands FBI jurisdiction over concealed weapons on foreign aircraft.

State Department, reiterated the fact that The Hague Convention calling for uniform treatment of aircraft hijackers by various nations went into effect 10/14/71 after

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ratification by the U. S. 78 nations have signed the convention, 13 have ratified it. In commenting upon the situation, General Davis indicated there had been a vast improvement in the international attitude toward hijacking and while there was no room for complacency this was certainly a step in the right direction and every effort should be made to press for further achievement along these lines. [REDACTED]

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With respect to the sky marshal program, Customs officials indicated since resumption of training classes, August, 1971, recruitment of sky marshals has been less than satisfactory. This is brought about, in Customs' opinion, by the fact there has been considerable recruitment competition throughout the country in the law enforcement field. In addition, Customs has tightened up on its requirements having had several bad experiences with some of its applicants in the initial drive of last winter and spring. Present complement given as 1132 as opposed to the approved 1625.

[REDACTED] FAA, indicated satisfactory progress was being achieved in turning over screening and policing responsibilities to local authorities. At present, these activities are handled entirely by local police in Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News, Virginia; Oklahoma City; West Palm Beach and Jacksonville, Florida; Nashville, Tennessee; Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus, Ohio.

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X-ray equipment, magnetometers, etc., are being furnished and FAA representatives have recently returned from a two-week instructional trip.

A representative of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) outlined newly established policy of that agency which would transfer certain responsibilities dealing with air security to the commercial airlines. By August, 1972, the Federal Government's role would be phased out in connection with preflight screening and baggage inspection. These responsibilities would be those of the air carrier involved. Federal authorities, according to OMB, would merely serve as an inspection and regulatory service. No comment was made by Customs, FAA, and U. S. Marshal representatives in attendance, all of whom have expanded their staffs considerably during the past year in connection with the air security programs. No date was set for the next meeting.

ACTION: For informtion.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY

AGENDA FOR MEETING  
October 19, 1971

Conference Rooms 8A & B, 10 A.M.  
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.

1. Review of minutes for meeting held August 31, 1971.
2. Status Reports
  - a. Weapons Legislation (Justice)
  - b. International Conventions (State)
  - c. Sky Marshal Program (Treasury)
  - d. Airport Screening (USMS)
  - e. Air Transportation Security Program (FAA)  
NPRM, etc.
3. New Business
  - a. Recent Hijackings - 9/3 - 9/24 - 10/4 and 10/9. (FAA)
  - b. Mid-East Activities (DOT)
  - c. Guidance to ATA (DOT)
  - d. ICAO Activities - Montreal (DOT)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : R. J. Gallagher

SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON  
CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY  
CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 19, 1971

*George M. Giffie, Jr.*

DATE: October 15, 1971

1 - Mr. Rosen	
1 - Mr. Bates	
1 - [redacted]	
1 - Mr. Gallagher	
1 - [redacted]	
1 - Mr. Felt	
1 - Mr. Mohr	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Bishop	1 - Mr. Dalbey
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As has been previously recommended and approved, since February, 1971 a Bureau representative has attended monthly meetings of captioned committee chaired by General Benjamin Davis, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Safety and Consumer Affairs. Representatives from the Departments of Justice, Transportation, Treasury, and State attend. [redacted] Number One Man, Criminal Section, was designated as the FBI representative.

Late on October 14, 1971, [redacted] Director of Air Security, Department of Transportation and Assistant to General Davis on the Interagency Committee on Civil Aviation Security (ICCAS), telephonically advised he had included on the agenda of the next conference, October 19, 1971, a discussion by the FBI relative to the hijacking incident of October 4, 1971, at Jacksonville, Florida, which resulted in the death of the pilot of a charter flight, the hijacker, and his wife, whom he allegedly was holding hostage. [redacted] was informed discussion of this incident before the Committee at this time was premature and highly improper since it concerned not only a pending criminal action, but also a civil action against the U. S. Government. He was told under the circumstances the FBI would not discuss this pending investigation before the Committee. [redacted] advised since the agenda had not as yet been mailed to other members of the Committee, he would have it reprinted, deleting the Jacksonville hijacking from the agenda as topic for discussion.

[redacted] then mentioned the Department of Transportation had been besieged with numerous inquiries from various airlines, pilot groups, and members of Congress as to the Jacksonville hijacking incident. Pilot groups, in particular, according to [redacted] were concerned that such an incident could take place aboard a commercial airliner resulting in the death of the pilot and crew, and [redacted] requested some assurance from the FBI that this would not happen. He was informed that the FBI's position and responsibilities

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Re: Interagency Committee on Civil  
Aviation Security Conference

were clearly stated in the agreement between the Departments of Justice and Transportation signed by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Transportation on September 25, 1970, and supplemented by letters from the Deputy Attorney General to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), dated July 9, 1970, and from the FBI to the Administrator of FAA, dated September 24, 1970. (This agreement delineates responsibilities of the FAA and FBI in connection with aircraft hijackings. The FBI is designated to make the decision and, where appropriate, to interrupt or take other positive action with respect to a hijacking while the aircraft is not in flight. The communications of July 9 and September 24, 1970, stipulate the permission of the captain is necessary prior to intervention by the FBI in a hijacking situation.

When [ ] pressed for further assurance emphasizing the concern of his Department, he was informed the record would show the FBI has been concerned over aircraft hijackings for the past decade, long before the establishment of the ICCAS in late 1970. Our primary concern has always been for the safety and welfare of the passengers and crew; and should he or the Department of Transportation have any comments or requests relative to the FBI's responsibilities in hijacking situations, he should make them known in writing through established channels.

ACTION: For information. With respect to the conference of the ICCAS scheduled for October 19, 1971, it is recommended the FBI representative attend, making no comment whatsoever concerning the Jacksonville incident other than to state, if queried, it concerns a pending criminal and civil action and, accordingly, is not a matter for discussion by the FBI. Not to attend could give rise to speculation and unfounded conjecture as to the basis for our absence.

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# FBI Bungles a Hijacking

## Transcript's Tale: Pilot's Plea Ignored, 3 Die

By George Lardner Jr.

Washington Post Staff Writer

When Brent Q. Downs taxied his plane to a stop at Jacksonville International Airport this month, he wondered, nervously, where the fuel truck was.

Downs, a 29-year-old pilot from Nashville, Tenn., had every reason to be nervous. Downs' twin-engine Aero Commander had been commandeered in Nashville at gunpoint by a beefy hijacker who was kidnaping his estranged wife.

Ordered to take them to the Bahamas, Downs was in no mood to argue. But he needed more fuel. He radioed his needs to Jacksonville: fuel, charts, flotation gear and two bottles of Chivas Regal. He was assured that he could refuel without interference, that everything, except perhaps for the Scotch, "will be read" as specified.

Instead, the unsuspecting pilot was directed to a parking pad where FBI agents were waiting in the predawn darkness. Abruptly, Downs found another FBI man barking instructions to him from the airport control tower, instructions that he protested were "endangering lives."

The FBI, it was learned yesterday, heard and repeatedly ignored the captive pilot's desperate pleas.

Within minutes, Brent Downs was dead, shot in the back by the hijacker after FBI agents began pumping bullets into the parked plane's wheels and one of its engines.

The hijacker, a 300-pound Nashville real estate agent named George M. Giffe Jr., then turned his 45-caliber automatic on his estranged young wife and finally on himself. All three were dead or dying when the G-men clambered aboard.

Short after the shootings, sources say, someone in the control tower cracked: "You can't win 'em all."

The FBI's refusal to stay away from the plane and let Downs refuel, despite his stated protests, is contained in a hitherto secret transcript of the last radio transmissions between the pilot and authorities. A copy has been obtained by The Washington Post.

The tragedy began early in the morning of Oct. 4 when the 35-year-old Giffe arranged to meet his wife, reportedly on the pretext of saying goodbye before he left the country. According to Nashville police, the couple had broken up a week earlier after a troubled three-year marriage. Mrs. Giffe, police reported, was packed, kicking and screaming, into the back seat of a car that her husband drove to the Nashville airport.

Giffe, who has been quoted by friends as saying he was a sorcerer, leased the plane from Big Brothers Aircraft with the story that he was a doctor and that his wife needed treatment in Miami. But Mrs. Giffe began screaming that she was being kidnaped and Larry Reed, an employee of Big Brothers, asked Giffe for his credentials. At that, Reed said, both Giffe and a friend, Bobby Wayne Wallace, drew pistols and ordered Downs to take off, just before 2 a.m. (CDT).

The police in Nashville reported that Giffe had left five suicide notes in the car he drove to the airport. In one of them, addressed to his father, he said that he had been "ordered to kill."

The FBI was notified after the plane left Nashville and dispatched agents to the Jacksonville airport when the pilot radioed he was landing for fuel and other items.

FBI agents already have been publicly excoriated by relatives and associates of the victims. The transcript, based on tape recordings from the files of the Federal Aviation Administration, suggests that their complaints are based on more than emotions.

According to the transcript, Downs was assured several times — first by Jacksonville Air Traffic Control which is located

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*George M. Giffe*

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The Sunday Star (Washington) \_\_\_\_\_  
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about 20 miles north of the airport and then by the regular control tower operator at the field itself — that a fuel truck would be standing by when he taxied his plane, code-named "58 November," to its assigned spot. The transcript includes these exchanges, beginning seconds after the privately owned turboprop touched down.

Pilot (Downs): "Is the fuel truck here?"

Tower: "You say is it a fuel truck?"

Pilot: "I say is the fuel truck here?"

Tower: "Affirmative. Taxi straight ahead to the end, commander 58 November, all the way to the end . . . Okay, that's fine. Right there. Park right where you're at."

Pilot: "(This is) 58 November. They are going to keep this area clear. Is that correct?"

Tower: "That's affirmative."

Pilot: "All right. (Pause) What's the car sitting back off to our right?"

Tower: "It's just an airport vehicle as far as I know, sir."

Evidently MW M imm Downs asked that it be moved away. At this point, another voice, that of an FBI agent, took over the control tower microphone. His words are indicated by capital letters.

Tower: "58 NOVEMBER? . . . 58 NOVEMBER. THIS IS THE FBI SPEAKING. CUT YOUR ENGINE."

Pilot: ". . . This is the captain speaking. We're going to cut the engines and we're gonna need some fuel, but I request that everyone stay away."

Tower: "58 NOVEMBER. ADVISE WHEN YOUR ENGINES HAVE BEEN CUT. 58 NOVEMBER?"

Pilot: "This is 58 November. Uh, this gentleman has about 12.5 pounds of plastic explosives back here and (pause) uh, I got no (pause), uh, yea to join it right now."

~~so I would please explain~~ uh, appreciate if if you would stay away from this airplane."

Tower: "THAT'S A ROGER, 58 NOVEMBER. ARE YOUR ENGINES CUT?"

Pilot: "Negative."

Tower: "STAND BY."

Pilot: "Where's the fuel truck?..."

Tower: "THIS IS THE FBI. THERE WILL BE NO FUEL. REPEAT. THERE WILL BE NO FUEL. THERE WILL BE NO STARTER (which Downs had also requested to get the plane airborne again). HAVE YOU CUT YOUR ENGINES?"

(Pause)

Pilot: "Uh (gasp), look, I don't think this fellow's kidding — I wish you'd get the fuel truck out here."

Tower: "58 NOVEMBER. THERE WILL BE NO FUEL. I REPEAT. THERE WILL BE NO FUEL."

Pilot: "This is 58 November. You are endangering lives by doing this, and, uh, we have no other choice but to go along and, uh, uh, for the sake of some lives we request some fuel out here, please."

(Pause)

Tower: "58 NOVEMBER. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF YOUR PASSENGERS?"

Pilot: "Ah, uh, well, they're okay, if that's what you mean."

Tower: "ARE THEY MONITORING THIS CONVERSATION?"

Pilot: "Yes, they are."

Tower: "DO YOU HAVE TWO PASSENGERS ABOARD?"

(Pause)

Tower: "58 NOVEMBER. WHAT'S YOUR PRESENT FUEL STATUS ON THAT AIRCRAFT?"

Pilot: "We're down to about 30 minutes."

Tower: "58 NOVEMBER. THE DECISION WILL BE NO FUEL FOR THAT AIRCRAFT. NO STARTER. RUN IT OUT, ANYWAY YOU WANT. PASSENGERS, IF YOU ARE LISTENING — THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IN THIS AIRCRAFT IS TO DEPART."

Here, there was a long pause; apparently for some hurried discussions among those aboard the airplane. Besides Downs, Giffe and his 25-year-old wife, Susan, these included co-pilot Randall Crump and Giffe's friend Wallace, who has since been accused of air piracy and kidnaping for helping Giffe.

At one point, Giffe had urged the two fliers to try to take off without refueling, but, Crump has said, they were afraid to try it in the darkness after looking down the taxiway and spotting a

clump of trees that seemed closer than they actually were. Now, it was decided, Crump would get off the plane and try to talk authorities into letting them refuel.

Pilot Downs cut one of the engines so the prop wouldn't interfere with Crump's departure. The co-pilot hopped out only to be met, he has reportedly said, by armed FBI agents who hustled him into a waiting car some 35 yards away. They do not appear to have been interested in discussing what he wanted to tell them, Crump has been quoted as saying.

The transcript reflects only bits and pieces of all this although the FBI agent in the control tower, named by sources as Frank Burns, was in separate radio contact with agents on the field, led by FBI agent James O'Connor.

Tower: "58 NOVEMBER?"

Pilot: "Yeah."

Tower: "DID SOMEONE DEPLANE FROM YOUR AIRCRAFT?"

Pilot: "That's affirmative. The co-pilot."

(Pause)

Tower: "58 NOVEMBER?"

Pilot: (Muffled reply).

Tower: "THE CO-PILOT IS IN THE CAR AND WILL NOT RETURN TO THE AIRCRAFT. HE WILL NOT RETURN TO THE AIRCRAFT."

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A minute or so later, Wallace jumped out, perhaps after having persuaded Giffe that he could succeed where Crump had failed. A pistol reportedly in his belt, Wallace, 32, began moving toward the back of the plane when an FBI agent yelled at him to "hit the ground."

He did as he was told. Meanwhile, agent O'Connor moved to the front of the plane where Giffe spotted him from the cockpit and fired two shots at the FBI man, missing him both times.

O'Connor, sources say, ducked out of range and gave the order to open fire. Bullets sped into the wheels and the engine that was still running, apparently ripping into a fuel line and causing an emergency signal to light up in the cockpit. At this point, co-pilot Crump believes, Downs rushed to cut off the engine and Giffe began shooting again. This time, he didn't miss.

The transcript ends with an unanswered question from the control tower—"58 NOVEMBER?"—and the time, 5:33 a.m.(EDT) Oct. 4.

The "you can't win 'em all" remark, according to sources who asked not to be named, is part of background conversation audible on the FAA's tape recordings though not included in the transcript obtained by The Post.

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Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

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## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-103

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. EC-26164-2042 62  
A-43356

October 19, 1971

TO: SAC, Jacksonville

EX 101

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

RE:

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED);  
CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING

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## REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Jacksonville

## SPECIMENS:

Airtel 10/7/71, letter 10/8/71 and teletype 10/9/71

Seven cartridge cases, Q8 through Q14

Clip containing cartridges, Q19

One automatic pistol with clip, K1

One Browning pistol with clip, K2

Fourteen cartridges

Major case prints of George Mallery Giffe, Jr.

and four other individuals

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This report supplements and confirms our Latent  
Fingerprint Section teletypes dated 10/9/71, 10/10/71 and 10/12/71.One latent impression, fingerprint or palm print,  
of value present on K2. No other latent prints of value present  
or developed on remaining specimens.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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SAC, Jacksonville

October 19, 1971

Latent impression not identical submitted prints.

Submitted fingerprints were searched through our main fingerprint files, but no prior arrest records were located.

Submitted fingerprints are being retained in our Identification Division files. Remaining inked prints are being retained in Latent Fingerprint Section files for sixty days pending possible receipt of additional evidence in this case. Disposition and description of specimens and results of laboratory examinations will be the subjects of a separate report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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L.F.P.S.

Recorded 10-12-71 11:55a Laboratory Work Sheet

Received 10-8-71

Re: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);  
[REDACTED]  
MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka -  
VICTIM (DECEASED)  
CAA-HIJACKING; KIDNAPING  
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Examination requested by: SAC, Jacksonville (164-103) let. 10/8/71

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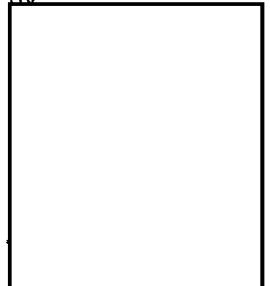
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Named Subject:

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Per del by SA [REDACTED] on 10/8/71  
Names submitted for comparison purposes of:  
GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.

Noted By:



SUSAN GIFFE

BRENT QUINTON DOWNS

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Specimens submitted for examination

SPECIMENS FROM GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.

Q1 Bullet and metal fragment from skull  
Q2 Metal fragment from brain  
Q3 Tissue from head

SPECIMENS FROM SUSAN GIFFE

Q4 Bullet from near left armpit  
Q5 Bullet from brain  
Q6 Bullet fragment from chest  
Q7 Bullet fragment from below left breast  
- Q8-Q14 Seven cartridge cases from floor of aircraft  
Q15 Bullet from floor under rudder pedal  
Q16 Bullet resting on pilot's right thigh  
Q17 Bullet fragment from floor by left side of seat  
Q18 Metal fragment from rear seat  
- Q19 Clip from floor containing seven cartridges

- K1 .380 Auto (9mm Kurz) Walther pistol, Model PPK/S,  
Serial Number 151170S, with clip  
- K2 9mm Browning, HP Model, Serial Number 53784, with clip

Also Submitted: Fourteen cartridges from clip of K2  
Examination completed 11:00 PM 10/8/71 Dictated 10/13/71 TBT  
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and  
10-19-71  
TBT:amy



Specimens from George M. Giffe, JR.

Q<sub>1</sub> Bullet and metal fragment from skull of  
~~George M. Giffe, JR.~~

Q<sub>2</sub> Metal fragment from brain ~~George M. Giffe, JR.~~

Q<sub>3</sub> Tissue from head ~~George M. Giffe, JR.~~

Specimens from Susan Giffe

Q<sub>4</sub> Bullet from left armpit.

Q<sub>5</sub> Bullet from brain.

Q<sub>6</sub> Bullet fragment from chest.

Q<sub>7</sub> Bullet fragment from below left breast

Q<sub>8</sub>-Q<sub>14</sub> Seven cartridge cases from floor of aircraft

Q<sub>15</sub> Bullet from floor under rudder pedal

Q<sub>16</sub> Bullet resting on pilot's right thigh

Q<sub>17</sub> Bullet fragment from floor by left side of seat

Q18 Metal fragment from rear seat

Q19 Clip from floor containing seven cartridges

K1 380 Auto (9mm Kurz) Walther pistol Model PPK/S,  
Serial Number 151170S with clip

K2 9mm Browning, HP Model, Serial  
Number 53784 with clip in bottom

Also Submitted

Fourteen cartridges from clip of K2

10/8/71

Specs exam. <sup>in Lab. +</sup> K2 to Photo. TBT

AS, K2, K1, Q19, Q8-Q14 proc powder in Lab. TBT

CI search. TBT

1 lat imp (fgprt or pppt) of value appeared on K2. TBT

Lat imp not of 6 individuals with name

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5 individuals with names similar to George M. Giffe, Jr.;  
George M. Giffe, DOB 6/17/09; George Giffe, DOB

Brent Quinton Downs, born 2/26/42 is Shelbyville, Tenn.

No fappts located here Susan Giffes or [redacted]

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[redacted] BT

No ppts located here above individuals. BT

Dispo of specs + Lab report separate. BT

Nitel sent 10/9, BT

10/13

Dispo of specs + Lab report sep. BT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10-10-71 3:08 PM

Reference No: 164-103

Received: 10-10-71

FBI File No: 164-2042-62

Latent Case No: A-43356

Answer to: SAC JACKSONVILLE

Examination requested by:

Copy to: Memphis (164-76)

RE: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

[REDACTED]  
MRS GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka - Victim (DECEASED)  
CAA - Hijacking; Kidnappingb6  
b7C

Date of reference communication: Airtel 10/7/71 + Teletype 10/9/71

Specimens:

Fingerprints + palm prints of  
GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR.  
SUSAN L. GIFFE[REDACTED]  
BRENT QUINTON DOWNS  
[REDACTED]

Nite 10/10/71 + 10/12/71

Result of examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Evidence noted by:

10-10-71 JER

Pres rpt lat imp this case not subm fpts

+ pp's

10/12

m c ppts to Tech for search. TBT

No prior arrest records per tech. TBT

Fpts to File - Palm ppts, tips + sides fpts, not being retained. - 6 FPS files for 66 days. TBT

Examination completed

Time

Date

Dictated

Date

4:00 PM

10/12/71

10/12/71

TBT

10/12/71  
TBT

DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SAC, JACKSONVILLE, (164-103) (P)

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka. -  
VICTIM (DECEASED)  
CAA-HIJACKING; KIDNAPING  
(OO: JK)

PC-H, 2036

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ReJktel call to FBI Lab 10-8-71 and Jktel to Bureau 10-4-71.

There is being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory via special messenger, SA [redacted] the following-described evidence in captioned case:

EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM MEDICAL EXAMINER, DR. CARL H. WELLS,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Following items removed from GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.:

- (1) Bullet and small fragment of metal recovered from between skull and scalp of GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.
- (2) Piece of metal fragment recovered from a portion of the brain.
- (3) Tissue removed from the right side of the wound of the scalp of the head of GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.

Following items removed from SUSAN GIFFE:

- (1) Bullet removed from just beneath the skin near the left arm pit.
- (2) Bullet removed from the left portion of the brain.
- (3) Portion of bullet removed from the chest area.
- (4) Portion of bullet removed from below the left breast.

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(1) Package - via messenger)  
2 - Jacksonville  
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10-19-71  
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THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE WAS RECOVERED FROM THE AIRCRAFT

✓ (1) A 9 mm automatic pistol, SN 151170, Walther. This weapon recovered on the aircraft floor between GEORGE GIFFE and SUSAN GIFFE. This weapon believed to be the murder weapon. The magazine clip has not been moved and has not been touched by Agent personnel.

✓ (2) Seven (7) spent shells recovered from the floor of the aircraft in the rear portion between the middle seats and the rear seats. This is the area which was occupied by GEORGE GIFFE and SUSAN GIFFE.

(3) A magazine clip containing seven (7) bullets, .380 caliber. This loaded clip found in the same area as were the seven (7) spent shells and the Walther automatic pistol.

✓ (4) An envelope containing (a) a Belgium automatic pistol, SN 53784, which was recovered from the person of [redacted] and (b) a magazine clip containing fourteen (14) live rounds of ammunition, 9 mm caliber. The magazine was in the automatic pistol at the time it was taken from [redacted] and has been handled by numerous personnel.

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The following items were recovered by SA [redacted] and Investigator [redacted] Office of the Sheriff, Jacksonville, Florida:

(1) A bullet found on the floor under the pilot's left rudder pedal.

(2) A bullet found resting on the pilot's right thigh.

(3) A bullet fragment found on the floor front of the left side seat of the aircraft.

(4) A bullet fragment found in the rear seat under victim SUSAN GIFFE.

REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY

(1) Medical Examiner, Jacksonville, Florida, states that there was no visible powder or residue marks on the scalp of GEORGE GIFFE. He said this is not uncommon when the weapon is pointed at

such an angle that the blast goes over head of victim. He said he examined some of the brain tissue but that it was in such a condition and there was so much blood in the area that he could notice no visible powder burns or residue. He has removed a piece of tissue from the scalp which is noted above and which he recommends a chemical analysis be made to determine if there is sufficient powder marks, burn or residue to state that GIFFE was shot by a weapon at immediate close range, ie., a wound that is self-inflicted. FBI Laboratory is requested to have this examination done.

(2) All of the bullets and fragments of bullets mentioned above should be examined and then a determination made as to whether they were fired from the 9 mm Walther, SN 151170, or from the Belgium made automatic pistol, SN 53784.

(3) A similar examination should be made of the spent cartridges or shell casings described above.

(4) The 9 mm Walther automatic pistol, SN 151170, should be processed for latent prints and the magazine clip which is in place in this weapon should also be processed for latent prints. Any identifiable latent prints should be compared with GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., SUSAN GIFFE, [redacted] the pilot BRENT QUINTON DOWNS, and the co-pilot [redacted]

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(5) If possible, a determination should be made if the Belgium automatic pistol, SN 53784, has been recently fired.

The containers which hold the evidence which was obtained from Medical Examiner Dr. CARL H. WELLS reflects the initials CHW and SA MRR.

The above evidence should be returned to Jacksonville upon completion of the FBI Laboratory examination.



FBI

Date: 10-7-71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

SUBJECT: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka. - VICTIM (DECEASED)

CAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING

OO: JK MRS. GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE

Re Jacksonville phone call to Bureau (Identification Division)  
10-4-71 and Bucall to Jacksonville same date.

Reference Jacksonville phone call and Bureau returned call covered results of search of Identification Division records for subject GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR., (deceased); victim, Mrs. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., (deceased), and for the aircraft pilot, BRENT QUINTON DOWNS, deceased.

Major case prints were obtained from each of the above deceased individuals, as well as from subject \_\_\_\_\_ and the aircraft's co-pilot, \_\_\_\_\_ neither of whom were injured in this incident.

The five sets of major case prints are enclosed herewith for the Identification Division. It is requested that complete search of Identification Division records be made against these prints.

Results of investigation should be furnished Jacksonville and Memphis.

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. - 5) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (Info) (164-76)
- 2 - Jacksonville

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

TO: ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
DIRECTOR, FBI

VIA AIR MAIL (Priority)  
VIA REGISTERED MAIL (100% in business of cases)

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*Sac Jacksonville (164-103)*

*George Mallery Liffe, Jr. (Deceased)*

[Redacted]

*Mrs. George M. Liffe, Jr., aka -  
Victim (Deceased)*

*C.A.A. Hijacking; Kidnaping*

File No. *164-2047*  
LC No. *A-43356*  
Date of report *10/8/71*  
Noted by [Redacted]  
No. of photos *4*

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# Memorandum

DATE: 10/12/71

FROM : W. D. Griffith *wdg*

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MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka. -  
VICTIM (DECEASED)  
CAA-HIJACKING; KIDNAPING  
(OO:JK)

This case involves the hijacking on 10/4/71, of a small twin-engine chartered aircraft enroute from Nashville, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia. The hijackers reportedly ordered the pilot to divert his flight to Freeport, Grand Bahama Islands. During a fueling stop in Jacksonville, Florida, the subject, the subject's wife and the pilot were killed.

A Jacksonville Agent has delivered items of evidence to the Laboratory consisting of a 9 mm Browning automatic pistol taken from subject [redacted] when arrested; a bullet, two small metal fragments and tissue removed from the head of George M. Giffe, Jr.; two bullets and two bullet fragments removed from Susan Giffe; a .380 Auto caliber Walther automatic pistol, seven cartridge cases and a clip containing seven cartridges found on the floor of the aircraft, and two bullets, a bullet fragment and a metal fragment found in the vicinity of the pilot and floor of the aircraft.

Laboratory examinations revealed that the bullet from the skull of George M. Giffe, Jr.; two bullets from Susan Giffe; a bullet found resting on the pilot's right thigh, and the seven cartridge cases from the floor of the aircraft were all identified as having been fired by the Walther automatic pistol. The remaining bullets and metal fragments did not bear sufficient individual microscopic marks for identification purposes. Flakes of unburned gunpowder were found on the tissue from the head of George M. Giffe, Jr. These flakes did not form a definite pattern which prevented making an accurate muzzle-to-head distance determination. Although the Browning automatic pistol had been fired since last cleaned, it was not possible to determine the length of time since it was last fired. L P T

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bates  
1 - Mr. Walters  
1 - Mr. Bishop

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Memo to Mr. Conrad  
Re: George Mallery Giffe, Jr.

These Laboratory findings, of course, reinforce advice from Jacksonville that the subject shot the other two victims and himself.

The above Laboratory results were furnished to the Jacksonville Office.

ACTION: None. For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN. LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

DATE: 10/15/71

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (164-103) (P)

SUBJECT: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (deceased);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka. -  
VICTIM (deceased)  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPING  
(00: JK)

PC-H.2213

The following evidence, being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory via Air Express, was recovered from the crime scene, Hawk Commander Aircraft, registration number 9058N, on 10/4/71 by SA's [redacted] and Investigator [redacted] Homicide Detail, Office of the Sheriff, Jacksonville, Fla.:

- 1) 3 metal drinking cups
- 2) 1 package of "Guildware, Crystal Line" disposable plastic cups containing 20 unused cups
- 3) 2 packages of "AMCUP" insulated foam cups;  
1 package contains 13 unused cups and the other package contains 7 unused cups
- 4) 3 empty Hamms beer cans, capacity 16 ounce each
- 5) 1 empty 4/5 of a quart bottle of Chavis Regal brand whiskey. Cap is fastened in order to preserve remaining contents.

## Request of Latent Fingerprint Section

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process the above items for latent fingerprints and if any prints are found, make comparison with prints of persons named in title of this communication.

3 - Bureau  
(1 - Package)  
2 - Jacksonville

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Request of FBI Laboratory

The Chemical Section of the FBI Laboratory is requested, if possible to determine remaining contents in Chavis Regal bottle.

The above evidence should be returned to Jacksonville upon completion of the FBI Laboratory examination.

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164-2042-65

October 15, 1971

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[Redacted]

Station WOHQ  
Broadcast House  
Toledo, Ohio 43616

Dear

[Redacted]

Your letter concerning the hijacking of a private chartered flight to Jacksonville, Florida, on October 4, 1971, was received October 12, 1971.

The hijacking incident to which you refer is currently the subject of actions in the courts, and for this reason I am unable to comment concerning the matter.

I wish to assure you our primary consideration in all aircraft hijacking cases has been and will continue to be the well-being of all persons aboard.

Thank you for your kind comments and offer of support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

SD/GCM

1 - Cleveland (Enc.)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO . . .



NOTE:

By letter 10/7/71 [redacted] for Station WOHO, Toledo, Ohio, advises he is a licensed pilot concerned by the death of three persons in the Jacksonville, Florida, hijacking incident. [redacted] commends the Bureau in its other operations and states he has long admired our personnel across the country and he offers his support to the Director.

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[redacted] is not identifiable in Bureau files.

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Mr. Felt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Rosen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Mohr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Bishop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Miller, ES	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
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Mr. Walters	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

October 7th, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

*George MALLERY GIFFE*

*Campbell*  
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Dear Sir:

I am a commercially licensed pilot and concerned citizen who has never before written a letter of protest. But after reading initial reports of the death of a pilot and two others in Jacksonville, Florida, I was stunned.

The news reports say the F.B.I. refused to fuel the aircraft and when the pilot landed and sought fuel, his tires were shot out without his permission...thus leading directly to his death.

A T.W.A. Captain once criticized the Bureau's actions when he was hijacked and ordered to Italy.

I respectfully request, Sir, if the Bureau policy includes dangerous bluffs, this policy be reconsidered immediately. And, if the events at Jacksonville are as reported, there are many pilots who would seriously consider not informing FAA personnel, fearing a federal agency could take unilateral action endangering their lives and equipment. I have no knowledge of what problems your agents faced in Florida. Nor, do I doubt that they acted in the best faith they could help the slain pilot. But under the circumstances, I feel a review, if not outright revision, of policy is called for immediately.

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EX-103

OCT 20 1971

*Let ask of*  
*10-15-71*  
*BAC*

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OCT 12 1971

October 7th, 1971  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Page II

On an entirely separate matter, Mr. Hoover, let me commend the Bureau on their other operations. I have long admired the quality of F.B.I. staffers, I have worked with them in various cities across the U.S. They have always exhibited great professionalism and courtesy. Finally, I wish to offer you my support in the controversy which has swirled about you and your office. I hope you have a say in the man who will eventually replace you, I think you have done a remarkable job over the years. The F.B.I. efforts to remain out of partisan politics are highly commendable.

Thank you for your consideration, Mr. Hoover, and permit a new American citizen to wish you many more years of healthful and useful life.

Sincerely, *A*



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HL/am

October 13, 1971

REC-60

Honorable Richard Fulton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (Attn: Mr. Bowers)
- 1 - Mr. Dalbey

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My dear Congressman:

Reference is made to your letter received by this Bureau on October 12, 1971, concerning the chartered aircraft that was hijacked from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on October 4, 1971.

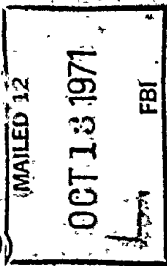
I appreciate your expression of concern for the FBI, and you may be assured that exhaustive investigation into all facets of this case is under way. Since the matter is currently pending before the courts, I am unable to comment further.

BY SPECIAL  
MESSENGER

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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SEE NOTE, PAGE TWO...

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NOTE:

Congressman Richard Fulton (Democrat - Tennessee) forwarded a letter expressing his concern for the Bureau's interests in that adverse publicity might be given in connection with the three deaths that resulted when George M. Giffe, Jr. shot and killed the pilot, Giffe's wife, and himself following his hijacking of private chartered flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, on 10/4/71. The Congressman's letter sets forth that he has been informed that Bureau Agents fired shots and that subject Giffe did as he had threatened to do. His letter urges an immediate investigation of the incident giving particular attention to conversations between the pilot and Bureau Agents at the airport that the Congressman understands were recorded. The Congressman states he regards his letter as personal correspondence with the Director which he has no intention to release to the press or make public, and he states it is not his desire in any way to embarrass the Bureau or to make our work more difficult. He refers to himself as one who is truly a friend of the Bureau.

Our relations with the Congressman have generally been good, particularly in regard to constituent matters. The Congressman has indicated a propensity recently toward taking sides with U. S. Congressman William Anderson (Democrat - Tennessee). Congressman Fulton is not on the Special Correspondent's List.

RICHARD FULTON  
5TH DISTRICT, TENNESSEE

**Congress of the United States**

**House of Representatives**

**Washington, D.C. 20515**

**October 5, 1971**

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. Miller, E.S.	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*George M. A. L. F. F. E. Campbell*

The terrible airline hijacking of a plane at Nashville, Tennessee which led to the loss of three lives is an incident which, I am certain, is of great importance and concern to you as it is to me, the families of the victims, the owner of the aircraft and, in general, the people of the Nation.

There is an additional concern over the fact that the F.B.I. agents fired on this craft after allegedly being told and warned that the gunman was feared to be a very unstable person, one whom, I am told, the pilot said had threatened to kill all aboard and himself if the plane were not permitted to proceed. Whether or not this is the case your agents did fire and the gunman did exactly as it was alleged he threatened to do and did what the pilot and co-pilot believed he would do.

I have been told that the co-pilot was permitted to leave the aircraft at Jacksonville, Florida to discuss the danger inside the plane but that despite his pleas and urgings the decision was made to fire on the aircraft anyway.

Now, I do not know whether or not these allegations are true. They are only heresay as far as I am concerned. However, this is the story which, I understand is being carried by the press in Nashville and undoubtedly will be picked up by the Washington Columnists, particularly Jack Anderson.

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Let ack'd 10/13/71  
BAC: WKE

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover

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October 5, 1971

As one who is truly a friend of the Bureau I bring this to your attention and respectfully request that, if you have not already done so, you launch an immediate investigation of this incident, giving particular attention to conversations between the pilot inside the aircraft and your men on the airfield which, I understand, are recorded. A full disclosure of the facts will benefit the Bureau, be a comfort to the bereaved and a reassurance to the American people that every effort was made to prevent what happened from happening.

I regard this as a personal piece of correspondence from me to you, Mr. Director, one which I certainly do not intend to release to the press or make public. It is not my desire to in any way embarrass the Bureau or make your work more difficult.

Very respectfully yours,

  
Richard Fulton, M.C.

(D-TENN.)

RF:eh



FBI

Date: 10/12/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: MECHANICAL SECTION.

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (164-76) (P)

SUBJECT: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); b6 b7c

Mrs. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., aka-  
VICTIM (DECEASED)  
CAA - HIJACKING;  
KIDNAPPING

00: JACKSONVILLE

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10/4/71. Re Memphis teletype to Bureau and Jacksonville,

Transmitted herewith via registered mail are two cut film holders.

The transmitted cut film holders contain four color exposures of Cadillac, bearing 1971 Tennessee license 2N9360, utilized by subject GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (Deceased).

The Bureau has been provided with background information in this case where subjects on 10/3/71 hijacked airplane at Nashville, Tennessee, owned by Big Brothers Aircraft, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, and landed in Jacksonville, Florida same date.

- ③ - Bureau (Encs-2) (RM)  
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2 - Memphis (164-76)

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Special Agent in Charge

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Mechanical Section is requested to process the transmitted color film and make 5 copies of each exposure.

The Mechanical Section is requested to retain one copy of each exposure for Bureau file; forward two copies each exposure to Nashville Division, who will retain one copy for file and forward remaining to USA, Jacksonville, and forward two copies to Memphis Division who will retain one copy each exposure for Memphis file and forward remaining copies to USA, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Mechanical Section is requested to return loaded cut film holders to Memphis Division.

TO BE RETAINED AT BUREAU

LETTER DATED: OCTOBER 26, 1971

SAC, MEMPHIS (164-76)

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); b6  
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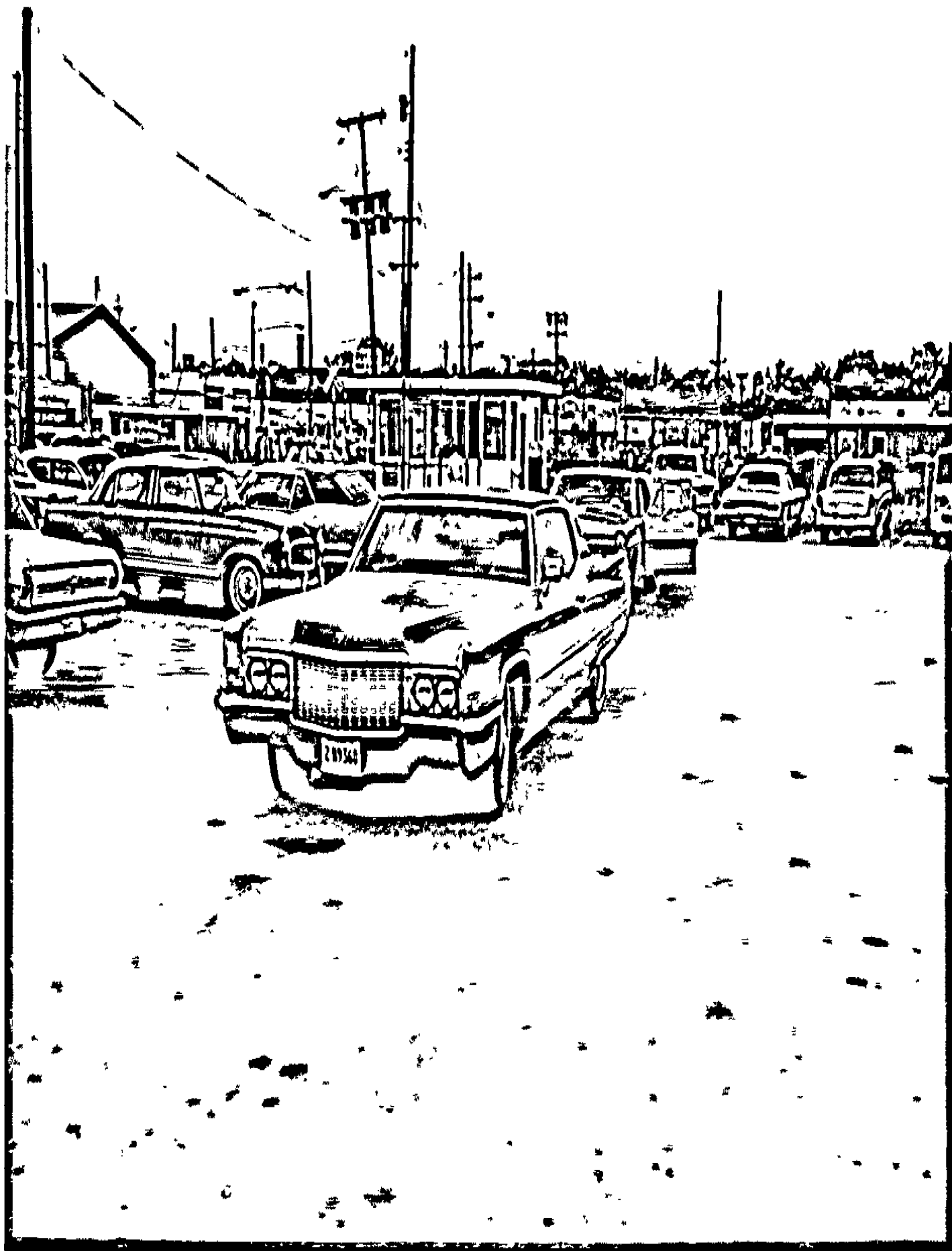
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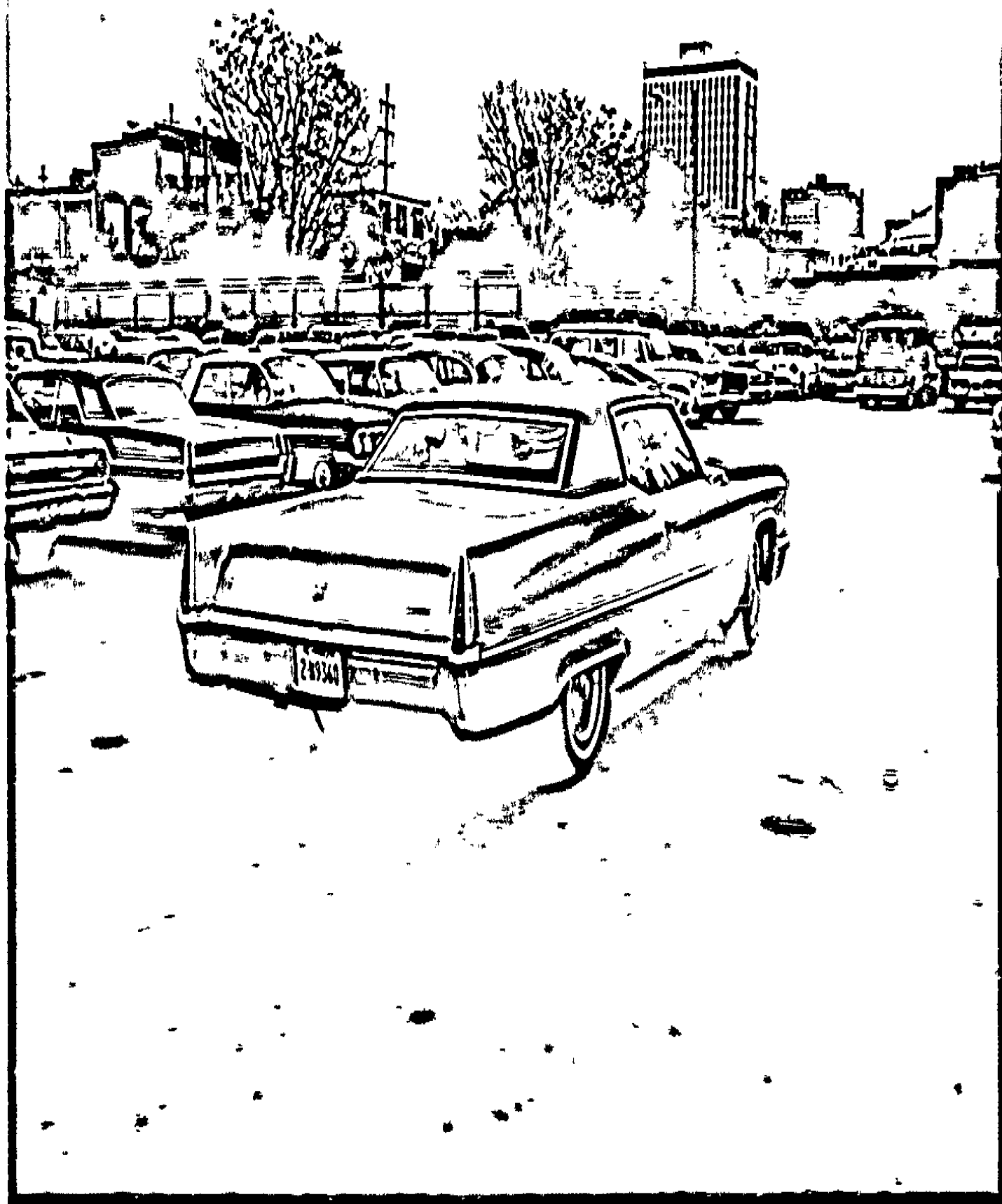
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11:35 PM NITEL 10-18-71 DMB

TO DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM MEMPHIS (164-76)

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR., (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. - VICTIM (DECEASED);

DAA - HIJACKING; KIDNAPPING.

RE MEMPHIS NITELS TO BUREAU OCTOBER FOURTEEN AND EIGHT  
LAST.

FOR INFORMATION LAB, PER REQUEST OF BUREAU, CLOTHING  
WORN BY BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED), PILOT OF HIJACKED AIRPLANE,  
OBTAINED AND IN PROCESS OF BEING FORWARDED TO LAB FOR  
EXAMINATION.

MEMPHIS WILL REQUEST EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE IF POWDER  
RESIDUAL CONTAINED ON CLOTHING AND IF PATH OF PROJECTILES  
COULD BE DETERMINED.

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JACKSONVILLE NOTIFY FBI LAB IF ANY ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS  
ON CLOTHING OF DOWNS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY LAB.

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cc - Mr. Conrad



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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DATE:

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TO:

SAC, Jacksonville

Re:

GEORGE MALLORY GIFFE, JR. aka (Deceased)

Mrs. GEORGE M. GIFFEE, JR.

JR. - VICTIM (Deceased)

CAA - HIJACKING; INTIMIDATION OF  
CREW MEMBERS, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON;  
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SAC, Memphis (164-76)

October 26, 1971

Director, FBI

*164-2042-*  
**GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);**

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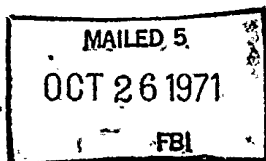
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Reference is made to your communication dated **10/12/71** transmitting  
☐ negative(s) ☒ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐  
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request ☒ film has been developed  
☐ enlargement(s) made  
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☐ negative(s) made  
☐ Photostats made

The above is ☒ attached  
☐ being sent under separate cover, via ☐ registered mail  
☐ REA Express

As requested, one set of prints being maintained at the Bureau and two sets of prints forwarded to Jacksonville.



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October 20, 1971

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Lebanon, Tennessee 37087

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of October 11th and enclosure. My associates and I greatly appreciate your support and that of your family, and your thoughtfulness in writing is most encouraging to us.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

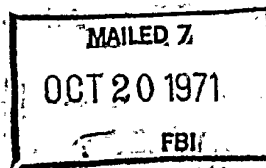
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*Gene*  
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Lebanon, Tn. 37087  
October 11, 1971

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

GEORGE GIFFE 4 DF

Dear Mr. Hoover:

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.

The purpose of this letter is to send to your offices the enclosed article on the Giffe airplane hijacking case. It greatly saddens me and my family when I hear the criticisms of the F.B.I. It is almost more than one can bear. In any case this article written by a friend of the Giffe's makes one feel that because of their personal situation, they were responsible for a tragic end.

I hope that this article will help you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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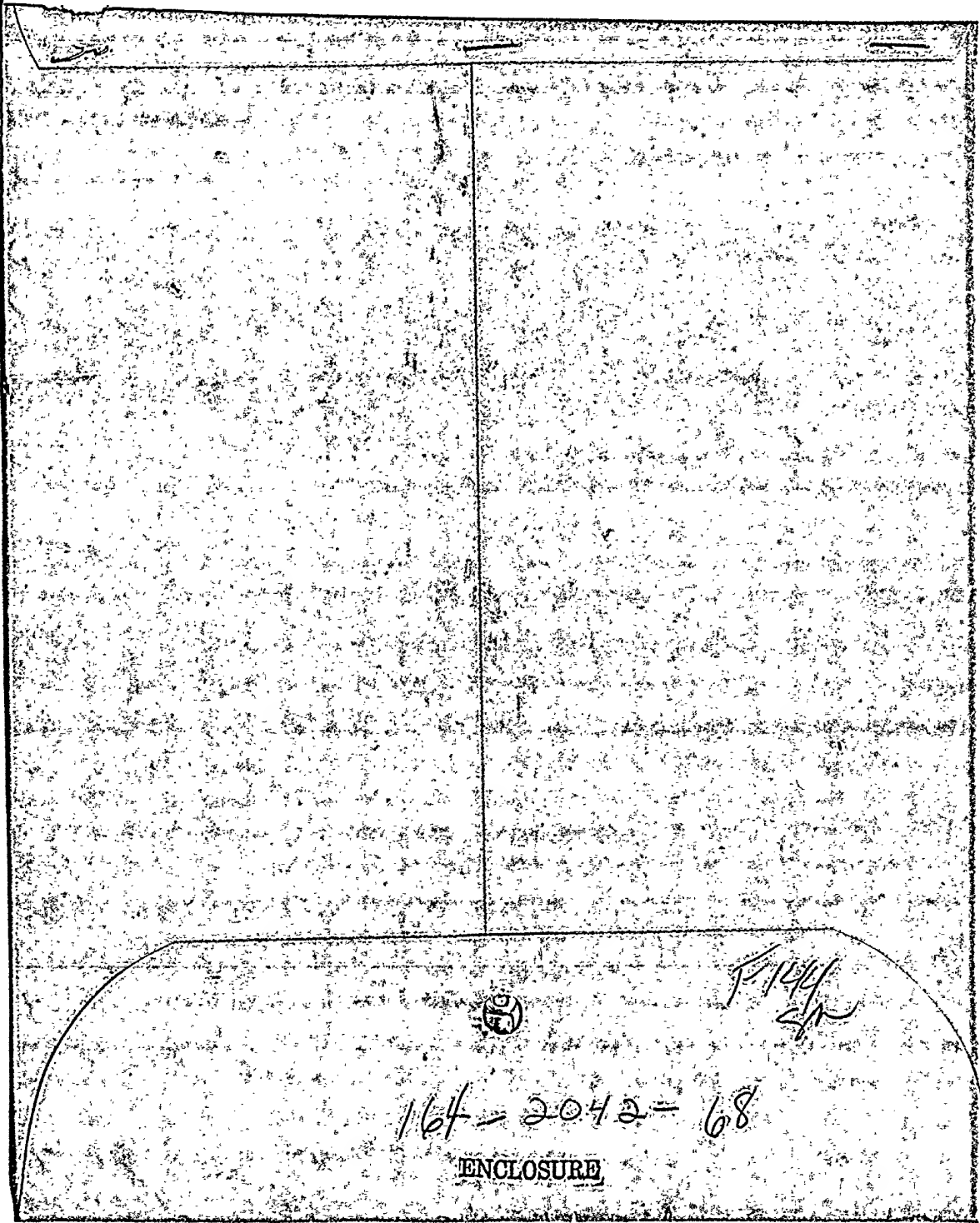
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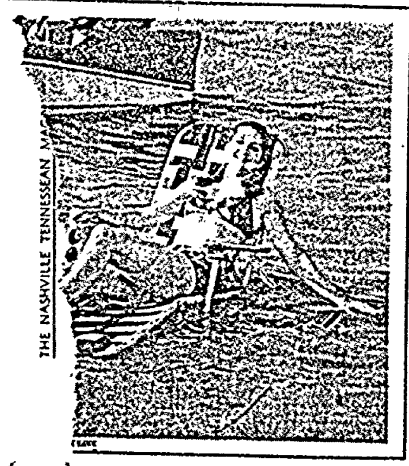
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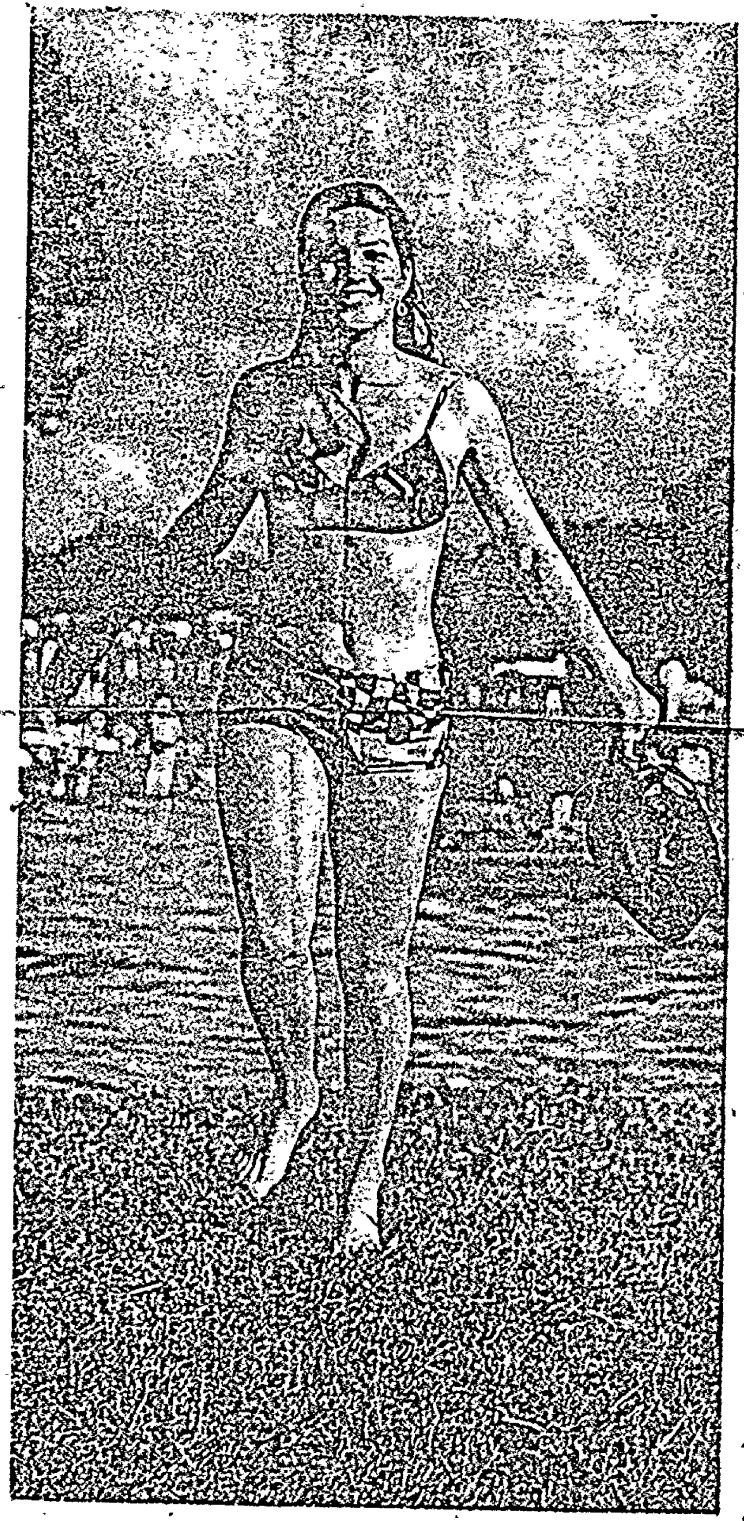
Four years ago, Susan Lakich modeled for TENNESSEAN photographer Gerald Holly at Old Hickory Lake, posing for the cover picture, below, of the June 18, 1967, Sunday Magazine, and also for the picture at right. A year later, Susan married George Giffe. Three years after that, both Susan and George were dead, in one of the strangest and most bizarre plane hijackings ever attempted. Staff writer Jim Andrews knew the ill-starred couple, and his memories of that friendship appear in today's Magazine, beginning on page 6.

*The*  
 NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN *Sunday*  
**MAGAZINE**

JUNE 18, 1967



• The Greatest Hank Hobbs  
 • New Men at the Upper House  
 • Elmer Hinton and the Turtles



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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM MEMPHIS (164-NEW)

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SUSAN GIFFE

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR.; UNSUB; MRS. SUSAN GIFFE-VICTIM.

CRIME ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT-HIJACKING POSSIBLE-KIDNAPPING

*Mrs. George M. Giffe* *Lachish* *9/6/71*

AT APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTEEN AM. THIS DATE OFFICIALS NASHVILLE METRO AIRPORT NASVILLE TENNESSEE ADVISED AT APPROXIMATELY TWO AM. THIS DATE WHITE MALE IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., WHO PREVIOUSLY ON TEN THREE LAST MADE ARRANGEMENT FOR AIR TRAVEL WITH BIG BROTHER AIR CRAFT NASHVILLE ARRIVED AT NASHVILLE METRO AIR PORT. IN ADDITIONAL IT WAS NOTED BY AIRPORT PERSONNEL HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY UNSUB AND VICTIM, TOLD BIG BROTHER AIR CRAFT PERSONAL<sup>NEC</sup> THEY WERE DOCTORS AND VICTIM IN THEIR COMPANY HAD BEEN DRUGED<sup>G</sup> AND HAD TO FLY TO ATLANTA.

GIFFE AND UNSUB PULLED WEAPONS AND FORCED PILOT AND CO-PILOT OF BIG BROTHER AIR CRAFT ON BIG BROTHER AIR CRAFT TWIN ENGIN HAWK NINE ZERO FIVE EIGHT N AND DRUGED<sup>G</sup> WOMAN TO PLANE AND DEPARTED AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATELY TWO AM. NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE PD SERGEANT [REDACTED] ADVISED

WE CONTACTED [REDACTED]

AND

ADVISED

MRS. SUSAN (GEORGE M. GIFFE)

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GEORGE M. GIFFE WHO HAVE BEEN HARBORING

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MARRIED FOR THREE

~~1933-1945-1933~~ YEARS ARE HAVING MARITAL PROBLEMS. GIFFE CALLED

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[REDACTED] TEN THREE LAST ADVISING HE HAD MONEY FOR HIS WIFE

AND WAS GOING TO LEAVE COUNTRY. [REDACTED] ASID GIFFE IS PROFESSOR AT

GEORGE PEABODY COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE AND GIFFE CLAIMS TO BE CONNECTED

WITH CIA. <sup>NEZ</sup> PERSONAL AT BIG BROTHER AIR CRAFT DESCRIBES GIFFE AS WHITE

MALE MIDDLE THIRTIES TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN TO TWO TWENTY POUNDS FIVE

FEET TEN INCHES TALL CURLY BLACK HAIR DARK COMPLEXION WEARING KNIT

SPORT SHIRT AND BELL BOTTOM TROUSERS. UNSUB IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE

MALE LATE TWENTIES ONE FIVE ZERO TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS MUSCULAR BUILD

MUSTACH DRESS UNKNOWN. BOTH GIFFE AND UNSUB CARRING REVOLVERS OR

AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. VICTIM IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE FEMALE <sup>G</sup> LONG BROWN

HAIR MIDDLE TO LATE TWENTIES WEARING A DRESS COLOR UNKNOWN.

GIFFE ARRIVED AR AIRPORT IN LATE MODEL <sup>DILLA</sup> CATERGIC BEARING

SEVENTY ONE TENNESSEE LICENSE TWO N NINE THREE SIX ZERO. REGISTRATION

CHECK INDICATES LICENSE ISSUED TO GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., FOUR FIVE ZERO

ONE PACKARD ROAD, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE FOR ONE NINE SEVENTY ZERO MERCURY.

~~CORR LINE FIVE WORD TWO PAGE ONE "BROTHER"~~

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2:28 PM URGENT 10-4-71 WJW

TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM MEMPHIS 164-76 3P

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., [REDACTED] MRS. SUSAN GIFFE -  
 VICTIM, BRENT DOWNS - VICTIM, [REDACTED] - VICTIM. CRIME  
 ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

RE MEMPHIS TELS TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

THIS DATE, RECORDS OF NASHVILLE, TENN., METROPOLITAN PD  
 CHECKED AND NEGATIVE RE SUBJECT [REDACTED] PD RECORDS INDICATE  
 GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., WM, DOB JULY ELEVEN, THIRTYSEVEN,  
 INVOLVED IN FOUR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, ONE SEPT. ELEVEN, SIXTYFIVE,  
 NO ARREST; ONE SEPT. SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, ARRESTED; ONE OCT. NINE,  
 SIXTYSEVEN, NO ARREST; ONE OCT. TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT, NO  
 ARREST; AND FOUR TRAFFIC CITATIONS DEC. THIRTY, SIXTYFIVE,  
 THROUGH SEPT. SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, FOR IMPROPER SIGNAL, STOP LIGHT,  
 AND SPEED VIOLATIONS.

DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES, STATE OF TENN., NASHVILLE, OCT 5 1971

CHECKED THIS DATE AND INDICATE DRIVERS LICENSE FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WM, DOB [REDACTED] SIX FT. TWO  
 INCHES, TWO HUNDRED THIRTYEIGHT LBS., BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES,  
 RESIDENCE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TENN. DRIVERS LICENSE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS WM, DOB [REDACTED]

PLACE OF

BIRTH [REDACTED] BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, SIX FT.

WEARING MUSTACHE  
TWO INCHES, , TWO HUNDRED SIXTY LBS., ~~23-49-88-75-11-3~~ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNEW [REDACTED] TO BE CASUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH GIFFE  
AND HAS MET GIFFE ON TWO OCCASIONS. [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEFT HOME FOR THE LA BRI LOUNGE, NASHVILLE, AT

APPROXIMATELY FIVE P.M., OCT. THREE, LAST, AND DID NOT RETURN  
HOME.

[REDACTED] PARTNER WITH [REDACTED] IN LA BRI LOUNGE,

ADVISED GIFFE, AN ASSOCIATE OF [REDACTED] WAS TO INVEST  
TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN LOUNGE. GIFFE CAME TO LOUNGE  
AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT P.M., OCTOBER THREE, LAST, BUT STAYED  
ONLY FEW MINUTES. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] GIFFE TO INVEST MONEY  
PRIOR TO TUESDAY, NEXT, AND [REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD BE DRIVING  
GIFFE'S AUTO IN NEXT FEW DAYS. [REDACTED] LEFT LOUNGE AT  
APPROXIMATELY TWELVE MIDNIGHT, OCT. THREE - FOUR, LAST, AND  
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SAID WOULD RETURN SHORTLY. SOMEONE MUST HAVE PICKED UP [REDACTED]  
BECAUSE [REDACTED] LEFT CAR AT LOUNGE. [REDACTED] DROVE [REDACTED] CAR  
HOME AND HAS NOT HEARD FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] UNIVERSITY OF TENN.,  
NASHVILLE, TENN., EXTENSION, ADVISED [REDACTED] WM,  
DOB [REDACTED] ENTERED COLLEGE AT UNIVERSITY  
OF TENN. EXTENSION IN WINTER OF NINETEEN SEVENTYONE BUT  
NOT PRESENTLY ENROLLED THERE. RECORDS INDICATE [REDACTED] WAS  
DISCHARGED U.S. NAVY MAY TWENTYFOUR, FIFTYSEVEN, HAVING NSN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND ACHIEVED RANK OF AE-THREE.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED ON RECORDS AS SEVENTYTHREE INCHES TALL, TWO  
HUNDRED SEVENTEEN LBS., BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, SELECTIVE  
SERVICE NO. [REDACTED]

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT TIME OF ENROLLMENT HE HAD RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ALSO RESIDED AT

[REDACTED] WAS AVERAGE STUDENT WITH

TWO POINT THREE AVERAGE ON FOUR POINT SCALE, AND ATTENDED

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[REDACTED] HIGH SCHOOL, GRADUATING THERE

IN [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates *Bg*

FROM : R. J. Gallagher *JG*

SUBJECT: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED) *MR + MRS*

DATE: October 4, 1971

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Bates  
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1 - Mr. Gallagher  
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1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Casper  
1 - Mr. Felt

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SUSAN GIFFE (DECEASED) - VICTIM  
BRENT DOWNS (DECEASED) - VICTIM

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

Additional facts concerning the hijacking of the private charter flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jacksonville, Florida, this morning when three persons were killed have been learned by the Jacksonville Office from interviews.

Subject  states he operates the Labri Lounge Nightclub in Nashville and has known subject Giffe from five to eight weeks. Giffe promised to obtain financing for  club and on 10/3/71 Giffe contacted  to drive Giffe and his wife, Susan, to the airport at about midnight. He states he drove Giffe's Cadillac to the airport where Giffe and his wife began an argument and Giffe pulled one of two guns in his possession. He gave the second gun to  and told him to keep it with him. Giffe, his wife,  the pilot and copilot took off for Atlanta and Giffe then instructed the pilot to fly to Freeport, Bahama Islands, and when told they did not have sufficient fuel, he instructed they fly to Jacksonville to refuel.

After the plane landed at Jacksonville, the tower advised there was no fuel available. Giffe instructed the copilot to get off the plane and attempt to obtain fuel. When he did not return Giffe instructed  to go and see if he could obtain fuel for the flight.  was arrested by Bureau Agents after he left the plane.

copilot, advised he was contacted on 10/3/71 to go with a charter flight from Nashville to Atlanta, departing at 1:15 a.m. 10/4/71. He arrived at the airport shortly after midnight and prepared for the flight. At about 1:45 a.m. Giffe, his wife, and  arrived and Mrs. Giffe was fighting and screaming and Giffe and  threw her to the runway to subdue her. Giffe produced a badge and credentials

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Memo to Mr. Bates from Gallagher  
Re: GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR. etc.

saying he was with CIA and that his wife was a mental patient they were taking to Atlanta for treatment. Once on board Giffe pulled a gun and forced the pilot to fly to Jacksonville en route to Freeport, Grand Bahama Islands. Giffe also made the statement that he had explosives aboard in his luggage that he would detonate unless his instructions were followed. (No explosives have been located.)

En route to Jacksonville they radioed for extra fuel and supplies for overseas flight. Once they landed in Jacksonville the tower advised there was no fuel available and Giffe commanded they take off immediately. The pilot said there was insufficient fuel and requested permission to leave the plane to obtain more fuel. Copilot [ ] departed the plane and informed Bureau Agents as to what had transpired and stated he had no intention of returning to the plane in view of circumstances.

Jacksonville is filing Crime Aboard Aircraft - Hijacking charges against [ ] and Copilot [ ] is remaining at Jacksonville to give testimony.

CIA headquarters has advised that the subject is in no way affiliated with that Agency.

ACTION:

The matter is being closely followed and a letter to the Attorney General is being prepared.

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TO SAC JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

MRS. GEORGE M GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED), CAA -  
HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

REMETEL TO THE BUREAU AND JACKSONVILLE EIGHT FIFTYNINE A.M.  
TODAY AND BUTELCALL TODAY.

JACKSONVILLE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AND FORWARD  
TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL VOICE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE HIJACKING  
INCIDENT FOR USE IN THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE.

JACKSONVILLE SHOULD REMAIN ALERT TO THE ACTIVITIES AND  
STATEMENTS OF FAA AND AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AND SHOULD DISCREETLY  
ASCERTAIN THE NATURE OF ANY INQUIRIES BEING MADE BY FAA AND  
OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

KEEP BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT

DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE

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TELETYPE TO SAC JACKSONVILLE  
RE: GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED)

NOTE: By referenced teletype Memphis, advised that U. S. District Judge in Tennessee, issued an order impounding airport tower tape recordings made in Jacksonville concerning the hijacking wherein subject Giffe shot and killed the pilot of a chartered flight, his wife and himself in Jacksonville on 10/4/71. The Judge's order is pursuant to a \$100,000 suit filed against the Bureau by the chartered flight company and by the parents of subject Giffe's wife who was one of the victims in this case.

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FROM: MEMPHIS (164-76) (6P)

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GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED);

ALSO KNOWN AS

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA-VICTIM. (DECEASED). GAA

HIJACKING; KIDNAPING.

REFERENCE Teletypes

RE MEMPHIS TELS THIS DATE.

THIS DATE, NINETEEN SEVENTY CADILLAC COUPE DE VILLE BEARING  
Tennessee  
SEVENTYONE TENN. LICENSE TWO N NINE THREE SIX ZERO, ABANDONED AT  
BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC., NASHVILLE, TENN., METROPOLITAN AIRPORT  
BY GIFFE (DECEASED) WAS IMPOUNDED BY NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN PD AND  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Detective  
SEARCH CONDUCTED BY DET. [REDACTED] LOCATED NUMEROUS LETTERS AND

A NOTE WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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ITEM NO. ONE - NOTE ON FOLDED, TORN, BLANK WHITE PAPER MEASURING  
EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES BY SEVEN INCHES, HAVING HANDWRITTEN MESSAGE  
IN BLACK MARKER PEN: [REDACTED] PHONE [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELL HER GOODBYE FOR ME! SHE WILL UNDERSTAND."

ITEM NO. TWO - SIX CENT WHITE ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO LT. COL.

Lieutenant Colonel

GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., THREE TWO FOUR GAYWOOD DRIVE, NASHVILLE, TENN.,

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THREE SEVEN TWO ONE ONE, WITH UNPOSTMARKED SIXTY CENTS SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMP, CONTAINING ONE PAGE HAND WRITTEN LINED LETTER UNDATED TO "DEAREST DAD". PORTIONS OF THIS LETTER ARE ILLEGIBLE AND THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME EXCERPTS FROM LETTER: "...I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART AND SOUL... YOU WERE A BRAVE SOLDIER TO THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. SUSAN BECAME SHE KNOWING TOO MUCH ABOUT ME AND WHAT I HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE ORDER TO SILENCE (BLANK) MOST (BLANK).....BUT DAD, IT ISN'T EASY BECAUSE YOU SEE SHE IS MY LIFE MY SUNSHINE. TO EXECUTE THIS ORDER IS TO KILL MYSELF ALSO. I CANNOT DO THE ONE WITHOUT DOING THE OTHER. BURN THIS LETTER AFTER YOU READ IT." SIGNED "YOUR SON. P.S. I LIVED BEFORE I SHALL LIVE AGAIN."

ITEM NO. THREE - ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO [REDACTED] HAVING NO STAMPS, BEARING THREE PAGE HANDWRITTEN LETTER IN BLACK MARKING PEN ADDRESSED "DEAR GENTLE [REDACTED] EXCERPTS FROM THIS THREE PAGE LETTER ARE AS FOLLOWS: "...SHE IS THE ONLY WOMAN I COULD EVER BE WITH BODY AND SOUL. MY NIGHT AND DAYS WITHOUT HER RECENTLY HAVE BEEN BEYOND MY ABILITY TO STAND. AND NOW THAT I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE ORDER (BLANK).

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IT IS I TOO WHO MUST PERISH --, BECAUSE YOU SEE LIFE WITHOUT HER DOES NOT EXIST. [ ] PLEASE REALIZE I THINK I HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE AND WILL COME AGAIN.... I KNOW NO FEAR EXCEPT I CANNOT TAKE HER WITHOUT TAKING ME BECAUSE YOU SEE UNTIL EACH BREATH SHE TAKES MY HEART BEATS WITH HERS.... MY PEOPLE ARE GOOD AND (BLANK) BUT CANNOT LET ME OR ANYONE EXPOSE WHAT WE KNOW OR WHAT WE ARE. WHEN THE ORDER CAME DOWN IT WAS MINE TO HANDLE. [ ] WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU CONCERNING THE SWISS ACCOUNTS." SIGNED: "ALL MY LOVE AND REGARDS" (SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE).

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ITEM NO. FOUR - WHITE ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO [ ]

ATTN: [ ]

[ ] BEARING UNPOSTMARKED SIXTY CENTS SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMP AND EIGHT CENTS POSTAGE STAMP WITH RED AND WHITE LABEL "SPECIAL DELIVERY". IN THIS ENVELOPE IS UNDATED LETTER ADDRESSED: "DEAR [ ] EXCERPTS FROM THIS LETTER ARE AS FOLLOWS: "WHEN YOU READ THESE LINES I WILL BE AT A POINT OF NO RETURN. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT A MAN MUST MAKE A DECISION WHICH HE SOMETIMES DOES NOT WANT TO MAKE. BUT THIS ONE WAS AN ORDER.

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I ENJOYED THE GENTLE GIRL I KNEW AND HELD IN MY ARMS FOR A SHORT TIME. BECAUSE OF YOU I HAD MANY JOYS AND A GREAT TIME IN ATLANTA....REMEMBER 'LIFE IS MADE UP OF SMALL COMINGS AND GOINGS. AND FOR EVERYTHING WE TAKE WITH US THERE IS SOMETHING WE LEAVE BEHIND....' THE SUMMER OF FORTYTWO. BURN THIS LETTER AFTER YOU READ IT. I STEP INTO TOMORROW! MUCH LOVE."SIGNED "GEORGE."

ITEM NO. FIVE - EIGHT PAGE LETTER HANDWRITTEN, UNDATED, ADDRESSED TO "DEAR SUSAN". EXCERPTS FROM THIS LETTER ARE AS FOLLOWS: "PLEASE, PLEASE KEEP FROM BEING SO BITTER AS DIRECTED BY YOUR MOTHER. I DO NOT WANT ANYTHING OR ANYONE TO EVER HURT YOU--GOD ONLY KNOWS WHAT I HAVE GONE THROUGH WITHOUT YOUR PRECIOUS PRESENCE. YOU CAN SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ME BUT YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF YOU FIRST. THINK, THINK, THINK, N THINK WHAT WE MEAN TO EACH OTHER AND OUR PRECIOUS RELATIONSHIP AND HOW WE BELONG TOGETHER ALWAYS." SIGNED "WITH ALL MY LOVE AND DEVOTION, YOUR LOVING HUSBAND. P. S.  GOD BLESS HER FOR NOT UPSETTING MY FATHER HE HAS SO MUCH ON HIS SOUL."

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Special Agents

ON THIS DATE SA'S OF THE FBI AT NASHVILLE CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THE APARTMENT OF GIFFE (DECEASED) AT J - ELEVEN, BAVARIA APARTMENTS, END PAGE FOUR

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FOUR FIVE ZERO ONE PACKARD RD., NASHVILLE, PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN  
CONSENT TO SEARCH FORM EXECUTED BY GIFFE'S FATHER. THE FOLLOWING  
ITEMS OF POSSIBLE VALUE WERE LOCATED IN THE APARTMENT:

ITEM NO. ONE - FOUND IN DRESSER DRAWER, UPSTAIRS BEDROOM,  
A FOLDED RECEIPT FROM BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT, INC., DATED OCT.<sup>October</sup>  
THREE, LAST, IN NAME GEORGE GIFFE, INDICATING CASH PAYMENT  
OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR DOWNPAYMENT ON CHARTER TO ATLANTA.

ITEM NO. TWO - FOUND IN RIGHT DRAWER OF SAME DRESSER WAS  
RECEIPT FROM GUN CITY, USA, INC., NASHVILLE, TENN., DATED OCT.  
ONE, LAST, IN NAME OF GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., FOUR FIVE ZERO ONE  
PACKARD DRIVE, J - ELEVEN, NASHVILLE, TENN., INDICATING GUN CITY  
PAID GIFFE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR FOLLOWING ITEMS: ONE WINCHESTER  
MODEL NINE FOUR, THIRTY THIRTY CALIBER, <sup>Serial Number</sup> SN TWO ZERO FIVE ONE FOUR  
EIGHT FOUR; ONE J. C.. HIGGINS MODEL TWENTY, TWELVE GAGE, NO SN;  
ENFIELD BOLT ACTION RIFLE, THIRTY ZERO SIX CALIBER, SN TWO NINE  
TWO SIX ONE THREE, WITH SCOPE.

ITEM NO. THREE - ONE ADDRESS BOOK CONTAINING LIST OF NUMEROUS  
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ITEM NO. FOUR - ONE EMPTY BOX CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS BOOKLET FOR WALTHER MODEL P P K SEVEN POINT SIX FIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC.

ITEM NO. FIVE - SIMILAR BOX FOR MODEL P P K SEVEN POINT SIX FIVE AUTOMATIC WALTHER WEAPON, SN TWO TWO ZERO FOUR EIGHT SEVEN.

ALSO LOCATED DURING SEARCH OF THE PREMISES WERE NUMEROUS BOXES OF MISCELLANEOUS CALIBER AMMUNITION AND A LETTER FROM INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INDICATING GIFFE WAS UNDER AUDIT AS OF MAY, SEVENTY-ONE, FOR THE THREE PREVIOUS TAX YEARS.

JACKSONVILLE NOTE LATHAM PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED.

ALL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER COVERING ALL LOGICAL SUGGESTED LEADS AT NASHVILLE, TENN. P.  
END.

cc: Mr. Felt  
Mr. Bishop

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9:25 PM URGENT 10-4-71 CNF

TO: DIRECTOR

JACKSONVILLE (164-103)

FROM: MEMPHIS (164-76) (3P)

GEORGE MALLERY GIFFE, JR. (DECEASED); [REDACTED]

MRS. GEORGE M. GIFFE, JR., AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED); CAA - [REDACTED]

HIJACKING; KIDNAPPING. OO: JACKSONVILLE.

RE NUMEROUS MEMPHIS TELETYPES THIS DATE TO BUREAU AND JACKSONVILLE.

THIS DATE [REDACTED] MANAGER, GUN CITY USA, FIVE SEVEN THREE MURFREESBORO ROAD, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, STATED HIS RECORDS REFLECT FIREARMS TRANSACTION RECORD NUMBER SEVEN ZERO FIVE FIVE INDICATES NAME GIFFE, RESIDENCE FOUR FIVE ZERO ONE PACKARD DRIVE, DOB JULY ELEVEN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX PURCHASED ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST A MODEL PPK DASH S WALTHER WEAPON, SERIAL NUMBER ONE FIVE ONE ONE SEVEN ZERO [REDACTED] NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH GIFFE OR [REDACTED] AND BELIEVES NO OTHER WEAPONS SOLD TO GIFFE FROM HIS FIRM.

THIS DATE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE MET GIFFE SPRING OF SEVENTYONE AND HAS BEEN A SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE SINCE THAT TIME AND KNOWS SUSAN GIFFE.

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[ ] MET GIFFE IN LATTER SEPTEMBER IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND DESCRIBES GIFFE AS BIG SPENDER HAVING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES AND CARRIES WEAPON IN CAR. [ ] SAID GIFFE WORKED WITH CADES, INC., A CONSTRUCTION OR REAL ESTATE COMPANY.

[ ] INITIALLY SAID GIFFE WAS CRAZY BUT LATER QUALIFIED THIS BY SAYING SHE MEANT HE WAS A BIG SPENDER, BIG TALKER AND "DIFFERENT"

EFFORTS TO LOCATE [ ] THIS DATE NEGATIVE.

[ ] TOMMY'S GUN SHOP, [ ]

[ ] SAID HE IS ONLY LICENSED DEALER BY FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES TO SELL AUTOMATIC WEAPONS IN TENNESSEE, HAS SOLD NO WEAPONS TO GIFFE, AND IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH GIFFE OR [ ]

ON THIS DATE [ ] CASHIER, KING OF THE ROAD MOTOR HOTEL, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, SAID SHE WORKED WITH SUSAN GIFFE AT KING OF THE ROAD AND RECALLS SHORTLY AFTER FOUR PM OCTOBER THREE LAST SUSAN GIFFE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM HUSBAND AND HEARD SUSAN GIFFE ATTEMPT TO EVADE HUSBAND AND TOLD HIM SEVERAL TIMES THAT THEY HAD NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT, BUT LATER AGREED TO MEET HIM WHEN SHE  
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GOT OFF WORK, AND TOLD HIM SHE WOULD MEET HIM "RIGHT BESIDE IT", WHICH [REDACTED] ASSUMED WOULD BE BESIDE SUSAN GIFFE'S CAR PARKED BY SIDE OF MOTEL.

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THIS DATE [REDACTED] MANAGER, KING OF THE ROAD, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, STATED SUSAN GIFFE LEFT WORK AT MOTEL AT ONE THIRTEEN AM THIS DATE AND INQUIRY AMONG EMPLOYEES OF THE KING OF THE ROAD DETERMINED NO ONE THERE OBSERVED SUSAN GIFFE LEAVE OR MEET ANYONE. HOWEVER, SUSAN GIFFE'S VEHICLE WAS PARKED WHERE SHE HAD PARKED IT THE EVENING BEFORE AND VEHICLE LATER PICKED UP BY SUSAN GIFFE'S BROTHER.

JACKSONVILLE NOTE PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS INDICATING GIFFE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT ONE ZERO FOUR AM THIS DATE DATE ADVISING ARRIVAL TEN MINUTES LATE AND AGAIN CALLED BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT ONE TWENTY AM THIS DATE ADVISING TEN MINUTES LATE ARRIVAL. THIS MIGHT INDICATE [REDACTED] PERHAPS HELD DECEASED VICTIM WHILE GIFFE MADE PHONE CALL TO BIG BROTHER AIRCRAFT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER BY MEMPHIS DIVISION AT NASHVILLE. P.

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